

Office of the Independent Planning Commission NSW
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RE: Narrabri Gas Project

Dear Sir,

The attached signatories who are all Narrabri Shire locals, mostly retired or semi-retired, and who have no pecuniary interest in the project, have requested I write to your Commission conveying our deep concern that the extent of community support for the Narrabri Gas Project has been grossly misrepresented.

The assertions, by opponents to the project, that there is majority community opposition, is in our opinion, totally false.

Our belief not only relies on our unanimous support for the project, but on the feedback from the many local community members with whom we have regular contact.

It would appear to us that the the opposition has relied on a fear campaign, which commenced years ago.

Firstly, by focusing attention on the perceived danger from "fracking", by hosting a screening of the film "Gasland", and an activist speaker from the USA. This early and ongoing assertion of damage to ground water quality through chemical contamination has had a continuing negative influence on community attitudes, notwithstanding "fracking" is not contemplated.

Secondly, of the people the signatories have spoken to, particularly those who are still in business, many are not prepared to publicly offer their support due to fear of reprisals. In a small community, this concern is very real; not only for fear of damage to their livelihood, but also to their standing in the community and harm to lifelong friendships.

We urge you to approve the Santos project based on scientific information, not on fear.

Yours faithfully

Richard Ritter,
on behalf of the persons on the attached list.



Richard Ritter

Dated: 5th Aug. 2020

Signatories to the letter to the Independent Planning Commission, dated 5th August 2020, re Narrabri Gas Project.

N. Baguley

Neville Baguley. Retired. Former Manager, Peel Valley Machinery, Narrabri, and Red Line Machinery, Wee Waa.

G. Constable

Dr. Greg Constable AO. Retired. CSIRO Agricultural Scientist.

W. Eather

Warren Eather. Semi retired. Proprietor, Bellvue Pastoral Co. (Farming.)

John F. Goodyer

John Goodyer. Retired. Former proprietor, Krohns Shoe Store. Narrabri.

B. Keys

Barry Keys. Retired. Former Proprietor, Barry Keys Plumbing P/Ltd Narrabri.

Adrian McTaggart

Adrian McTaggart. Retired. Former Manager, Boland's Petroleum (Caltex.) Narrabri.

Ronald McKenzie

Ronald McKenzie. Retired. Surveyor. Principal, R.C. McKenzie & Co Surveyors. Narrabri.

Warren Michell

Warren Michell. Proprietor, Narrabri Farm Centre.

Terry Miller

Terry Miller. Retired. Former Proprietor, Weirson's Kitchen (Bakery)

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Hugh Palmer. Retired. Lawyer. Former proprietor, H. J. Palmer & Co.

Richard Ritter. Retired. Former Town Clerk, Municipality of Narrabri, and former General Manager, Namoi Valley (Electricity) County Council.

Robert Walker. Retired. Farmer.

Florence E. Tapp. Retired. Former farmer and office clerk.

William A. Cameron. Retired. Farmer.

Len Hall. Retired

Steve Eather Farmer

JOHN GRELLMAN


COTTON FARMER

SIGNATORIES TO LETTER TO I.P.C DATED 5-8-70 RE NARRABRI GAS PROJECT

ELIZABETH BROWN TEACHER (ADULT EDUCATION)



JAMES T BROWN MECHANIC RETIRED



The following persons wish to support the submission, but are unable to sign, as they are out of town at present

DON DONCLAS RETIRED FARMER & GRAZIER

JACK WARNOCK. COTTON FARMER