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RE: NARRABRI GAS PROJECT

Dear Sir/Madam,

I object to the application from Santos for approval to extract CSG from the Narrabri and Pilliga regions.

Narrabri is a robust, affluent region, relying exclusively on its agricultural industry.

The Narrabri region produces a plethora of agricultural products from food to fibre. The region has an impeccable reputation for growing green, clean image products, which are in high demand nationally and internationally. Narrabri has also proven to be resilient after experiencing the worst drought since Australian settlement. All echelons of the community have supported their region throughout this difficult, harsh drought. As history has proven, Narrabri has successfully withstood Mother Nature's devastating phenomena. We also know the region has as-yet unexplainable, unique, hydro-geological, morphological groundwater behaviors.

It is for these reasons that I **strongly object** to Santos' proposal to be granted a license to extract CSG from this highly productive, resilient and unique region.

The integrity of our groundwater is being overlooked by Water NSW and the Minister

for Resources and Water. There are too many entities claiming rights to this water. This means there are too many conflicts of interests obscuring risk-adverse, long-term decision making. None of these entities have an inherent right to this ancient groundwater; indeed, it should not be owned by anyone. Santos is a multinational corporation motivated by profit. It is not a fit custodian for this unique resource. We need to protect these unique resources and come up with a long-term solution if we are going to secure them for the next generation.

Yours sincerely,

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