

The Warren Branch of CWA of NSW objects to the Narrabri CSG Project being approved by the IPC.

The Warren Shire community, our town and our agricultural Industry depend on the Great Artesian Basin to survive. The last three years of drought have been a harsh reminder just how dependant we are. We cannot risk contamination or depressurisation to our only continued reliable supply of water.

Energy Security is not a valid reason for approval. Australia is the largest exporter of natural gas in the world. Santos opened its introduction to the IPC boasting that "they are the biggest exporter of natural gas in Australia". Is Santos not then responsible for the shortage of an affordable supply of gas to Australians already? The reasoning of this company is questionable when you consider our high gas prices and huge export market. We do not Need CSG.

From June one of the largest Insurance companies in Australia will no longer include liability protection in the insurance policies of those businesses who have CSG activities or infrastructure on their land. And there is no doubt Santos has plans to extend the area and number of CSG wells into our Shire.

How many jobs will be lost in agriculture due to contamination and depressurisation of the GAB and our aquifers in an uncertain and unknown underground system using a questionable form of mining, without insurance. The long term durability of abandoned mines makes this a risk well into the future.

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