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I OPPOSE THE NARRABRI GAS PROJECT

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Narrabri E.I.S. released June 7, 2017

23,000 submissions received the largest number of any project the Department has assessed. Over 22,000 were from the general public, 98% were against the project. 63% of the local area of Narrabri wren against the project.

Over seven days (an extra day was required due to the number of people wishing to speak) the IPC listened to 380 speakers. 98% of the speakers were against the project. A common theme with a lot of the speakers was that this project does not have Social Licence to proceed.

Speakers represented CWA NSW, NSW Farmers Association, People From the Plains Doctors for the Environment Australia and many more organisations.

How many people do these organisations represent? They all spoke against the project.

Article in The Australian Financial Review, Thursday 30 July 2020, Heading Green Finance. The total value of assets managed in accordance with (Environmental, Social, and Governance) ESG Principles in Australia is approximately \$1trillion, or 44% of the nations' total pool of managed funds.

Debbie Blakey, Chief Executive of HESTA, (health care industry fund), in June said, "Investing in a low carbon economy is not just about ethics but safeguarding her members' retirement savings. We don't want to see a carbon led recovery, (from the coronavirus downturn), that locks in long term emissions that increases the risk of assets becoming stranded".

Perpetual ,(funds management group, has 800,000 plus members, 80% are women), recently bought Trillium Asset Management. Trillium has been running fossil-free funds for more than 20 years. Rob Adams, Perpetual Chief Executive, said, "ESG is one of the fastest growth categories globally and is certainly reflected in Australia. Investors increasingly want their money to do good things, whilst delivering good returns".

IAG (Australia's largest general insurance company), recently decided not to give public liability cover to anyone with Coal Seam Gas infrastructure (wells and pipelines), or activities on their land.

In 2012 IAG signed a document called Principles of Sustainable Insurance. The document outlines actions to help communities better prepare for and respond to risks, protect the environment and sustain economies.

In The Land (Thursday July 30), Letters to the Editor page 16. A farmer from Narrabri, talking to a Knitting Nanna, asked "if we lose here what to we do next? When you have provided all the evidence for why a project should not go ahead and yet the Government pushes forward to implement it?

Australian Financial Review Thursday 30 July, 2020.

AEMO (Australian Energy Market Operator), just released its 20 year management plan.

In part of the report it notes: The AEMO raises doubts about gas being a transition fuel. Gas could play a greater role if gas prices remained low at \$4-\$6. But AEMO predicts gas prices will be higher in the 2030's and therefore batteries will be a more competitive option.

ABC news Friday 7 August,2020,

One of Australia's most respected scientists has said the NGP poses too great a risk to the regions water, people and environment.

THE PEOPLE ARE SPEAKING IS THE GOVERNMENT LISTENING?

WHO IS THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LISTENING TO?

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