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To
The Office of the Independent Planning Commission

I am objecting in the strongest possible terms to the proposal by Santos to drill for (and remove) gas in the Narrabri region.

My reasons:

Gas is a fossil fuel. Therefore even if it is accurate that the price of gas will be cheaper for Australians if the Santos project were to proceed neither this claim, nor that of additional employment can be either valid or sufficient reasons for O.I.P.C to approve the project. (most economists state there are more jobs in the expansion of renewable energy. Renewable energies are also cheaper than those based on fossil fuels)

I support the submission from the E.D.O written by Prof Sackett from the A.N.U.

To the degree that State and Federal governments support this proposal they are most decidedly not acting- as they have an obligation to so do-in the best interest of the Australian nation.

Gas is no better than coal, possibly worse in its negative impact on climate change.
Santos will derive an economic benefit from approval of this project, but the effect in the wider community is comprehensively detrimental.

There is a moral and ethical imperative that decisions are made, both by governments, and other authorities, that will not further add to carbon or methane emissions. Any decision that does so only worsens the already frightening and negative impact of climate change.
I urge the Commission therefore not to approve the Santos Narrabri gas project.

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