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To the panel,

I'm just writing to express my concern over the proposed coal seam gas project at Narrabri in northern NSW.

I'm a landholder near Moree, and there are also proposed CSG pipelines to be built which would run through my property, linking CSG plants in southern QLD and North West NSW. This is a commonly held belief within the community, that the gas wells will link up.

I'm also a scientist and I have worked as a consultant with a number of different state government departments, such as DPI. My honors research was conducted on our family properties north of Moree, where I studied insect populations and the impact of habitat fragmentation upon them.

The landscape around Moree and Narrabri is already heavily fragmented from years of agricultural production. My fear is that CSG drilling will increase the fragmentation and disrupt animal and insect populations even more. There are many endemic species of flora and fauna in northern NSW which would be further threatened by the gas project.

Not only that, the threat to the Artesian Basin is also very concerning. Fracking has had huge impacts on underground water tables in other countries. There is absolutely no evidence to suggest the same dire consequences would not occur at Narrabri.

I personally not only see no benefit to the region if these gas wells go ahead, as Australia already has an abundant natural gas supply, but, I see its approval as being extremely detrimental to the environment.

Yours sincerely,

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