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Dear Ministers,

Objection to the Proposed APA Western Slopes Pipeline/Narrabri Gas Project

I am an adversely impacted landholder along the proposed APA Western Slopes Pipeline/ Narrabri Gas Project route. I object to the pipeline crossing my property and I will fight to ensure that it does not cross my property.

I am concerned about the environmental impact of the pipeline on water quality and livestock production on my property. I believe, based on available evidence, the pipeline poses a high threat to my ability to use my own property for my own purposes – as for cattle and sheep farming and cropping. No company should have the right to devalue or compromise another man's property. The long-term economic, social and environmental stability of the region would be compromised if the pipeline is installed and results in long-term damage to livestock management in affected areas.

I am concerned about the environmental impact of the pipeline on water quality and livestock production on my property. If my ability to feed and water livestock and grow crops is compromised, the property value and my ability to earn an income will be eradicated. I would be forced to leave my home of over 60 years as I will be unable to make a livelihood from the land. In the current economic climate, many would be forced into this situation and most would have limited means of finding an alternate vocation. My ability to pass on the property to the next generation of farmers to work would also be taken away. The property value would also have decreased significantly further taking away the results of a lifetime of hard work and resilience against droughts and floods.

The region deserves better than to have the NSW Government sell out to commercial interests that are not in the best interest or wishes of the local community, particularly the landowners directly affected.

If the NSW Government is committed to the long term viability of the livestock industry, agriculture and rural NSW, it will not support in any way, the installation of the proposed APA Western Slopes Pipeline/Narrabri Gas Project.

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Roger Hertel
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