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SUBMISSION: NARRABRI GAS PROJECT


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I have lived in the Warren, Gilgandra and Dubbo regions for 95% of my 70 years dwelling on rural properties dependant on bore water from the Great Artesian Basin. I therefore have a deep respect for the value of our water. Without this valuable source of water our land would at times become unproductive especially during drought. Santos claims that procuring the gas is safe but evidence of collapsing bores and dried up bores from Queensland and the USA have made me wary. I am also very concerned about the salt disposal as this aspect does not seem to have been addressed in a safe manner.

In Australia we have few areas of native bushland left so the puncturing of the Pilliga with gas wells seems to be an act of vandalism.

I feel this short term project should not proceed because of the risk of losing our precious water and the further destruction of our environment .

In conclusion the fact that only 2 of the 16 NSW Chief Scientist's recommendations have been fully implemented enforces my opposition to the Narrabri Gas Project.


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