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To whom it may concern.

My name is Sherry Tarrant and I live in Coonabarabran NSW. I am writing this submission to the Independent Planning Commission because I object strongly to the Santos Narrabri Gas Project.

Information that I have received from the research carried out by Coona Residents Against Coal Seam Gas, informs me that the Santos Gas Company Project proposes to drill 850+ Coal Seam Gas Wells in the Pilliga Forest. This is my backyard of Natural Forest beauty and the recharge area for the Great Artesian Basin.

Water is the life blood for my family's existence as it is for all of our region.

The recent drought saw the Timor Dam no longer able to provide water for the township of Coonabarabran. Many millions of dollars were spent to sink bores in order to provide us with water. The drilling of Coal Seam Gas risks contamination of our bore water aquifers. What plans are in place for us and our families' futures - our town and livelihoods if this occurs.

The Pilliga Forest is home to our country's beloved Koala Bear. It is now common knowledge that the Koala population in NSW is diminishing with a projected extinction by 2050 if action is not taken to protect the habitat in which it lives. Yes unprecedented wild fires have claimed the lives of this wonderful animal; however it is logging, clearing and other environment destruction that is the biggest contributor to their declining numbers. This Gas Project proposes to inflict 95,000 hectares of loss of food, shelter and breeding environment to the Koala.

Yours Faithfully - A. Tarrant