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Sent: Monday, 3 August 2020 11:09 AM
To: IPCN Enquiries Mailbox
Subject: Sad Objection: Santos Narrabri Gas Project

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I am using this opportunity for you to understand how sad and appalled I am by this ecological destruction I am writing to make a submission on the Narrabri Gas Project.

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From: peterj.baillie@bigpond.com
Sent: Tuesday, 4 August 2020 12:24 PM
To: IPCN Enquiries Mailbox
Subject: NSW

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Ann Shenfield,
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Yours Sincerely,

RACHEL POTTER,
3137

From: aidan gray <aidanapia1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 5 August 2020 11:47 AM
To: IPCN Enquiries Mailbox
Subject: Reasons Narrabri Gas Project Should be Canned

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Dear Independent Planning Commission,

My name is Aidan Gray and I am a third year Environmental Engineering Student at the University of Sydney. Throughout my studies, I have encountered a lot of case studies of the environmental impact of projects. In one of my classes this year, we have studied the Narrabri Gas Project and its impacts on the environment.

The most prominent reason that this project should not go ahead is simply because it doesn't need to. We don't need any more electricity generated from natural gas causing carbon dioxide and nitrogen to be emitted. It is true that natural gas will aid our transition to electricity generated from renewable resources, but the EXISTING natural gas on the eastern coast of Australia is more than enough for this transition. It is quite frankly ludicrous that New South Wales can receive an average of 800W per metre squared of energy from sunlight and has access to consistent strong onshore winds and would still consider investing in a Natural Gas project over renewable energy projects. I, along with any professors and classmates, have done the calculations an unimaginable amount of times over the course of my degree and they consistently tell us that energy from wind, solar and hydro alone can satisfy Australia's energy needs. The only thing missing from the equation is political will.

Furthermore, New South Wales along with the rest of Australia find themselves in a large economic hole due to COVID-19. Due to various factors such as international political tensions and increased environmental awareness, the demand for Australia's coal and natural gas is falling and hence the price that other countries are willing to pay Australia per cubic tonne of both coal and natural gas is falling. It is clear that a coal and natural gas led economic recovery is not the way out of this deficit (no matter how many board members of natural gas companies the federal government puts on the Covid Recovery Committee). Rather, it is the perfect moment for the call to transition to renewable energy to be heeded. Invest in renewable energy projects, create jobs in both small rural areas and big cities, and stimulate the economy again through this investment and voila, the end product is clean, green renewable electricity and an economic boost for NSW.

My parents' generation often talk about leaving behind a better world for their children. Its time to stop talking and start acting on this notion. The Narrabri gas project is an unnecessary, dangerous cash grab that would be a huge mistake if it were to go ahead.

Thank you for your time reading this,

Kind regards,
Aidan.

From: elizanne73@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, 6 August 2020 10:04 AM
To: IPCN Enquiries Mailbox
Subject: Objection to Santos Narrabri Gas Project

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Yours Sincerely,

{Eliz {Bourke
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From: samtownsandra@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, 6 August 2020 12:11 PM
To: IPCN Enquiries Mailbox
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Yours Sincerely,

Sandra Lee,
2449

From: abby@onelittleindianenterprises.com
Sent: Friday, 7 August 2020 8:30 PM
To: IPCN Enquiries Mailbox
Subject: Submission of Objection: Proposed Santos Narrabri Gas Project

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I am writing to make a submission regarding the Narrabri Gas Project.

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Yours Sincerely,

Abby Gee,
3066

From: Wisniewski-s@hotmail.com
Sent: Saturday, 8 August 2020 6:12 AM
To: IPCN Enquiries Mailbox
Subject: Submission of Objection: Santos Narrabri Gas Project

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Yours Sincerely,

Sarah Wisniewski
2010

From: balsonrya@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, 8 August 2020 3:02 PM
To: IPCN Enquiries Mailbox
Subject: NSW

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Sonata M,
2066

From: jhdabron@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, 9 August 2020 6:18 PM
To: IPCN Enquiries Mailbox
Subject: Objection: I object to the Santos Narrabri Gas Project

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Jacqueline Dabron,
Tamworth
2340

From: thewales@tpg.com.au
Sent: Monday, 10 August 2020 2:32 PM
To: IPCN Enquiries Mailbox
Subject: Please NO to gas extraction in the Pilliga!

Dear Sir/Madam,

Environmental experts tell us that we must severely limit any further contribution to CO2 and climate change. This Narrabri project will blow our pledge to the Paris accord!

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Annie WAle,
2041

From: wraxdec@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, 10 August 2020 2:54 PM
To: IPCN Enquiries Mailbox
Subject: NSW THE PRICE IS TOO HIGH

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Existing coal and gas fields will push the world past globally agreed temperature goals. There is no need for more gas, since rapid development of battery storage technology makes renewable energy sources, backed by batteries, a cheaper, cleaner option. developing more gas a no-brainer.

It would represent an unnecessary and dangerous step, undermining (pun intended) Australia's efforts to tackle climate change. Last summer showed everyone that Australia is highly vulnerable to climate change impacts like bush fires, drought and extreme heat. More gas extraction would push our exposure to climate change risks to unacceptable levels.

Threatened species

Billions of animals have already perished in last year's devastating conflagrations. This project would further endanger koalas and two rare and iconic bird species - the swift parrot and the regent honeyeater.

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This risk is far too high a price to pay for these communities, now and in the future, especially as there is no discernible need for more gas, given the safety and reliability of renewables.

Further, almost all gas produced in eastern Australia is exported, via the LNG terminals at Gladstone. The small amount of expensively produced gas from the project would have negligible impact on domestic prices or supply.

It is time governments protected Australian businesses and households from gas supply shortages. They should help current users to get off gas, by promoting electrification, with heat pumps for hot water, reverse-cycle air conditioning for space heating and induction cooktops.

The risk to our environment and water supply is too great. For these reasons I strongly object any government support or encouragement to promote the Narrabri Gas Project. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I look forward to your urgent review of this risky endeavour, for more environmentally and people-friendly alternatives.

I would appreciate a speedy resolution to this issue so that we can move forward into a better future for all Austrealians.

Let me know your thoughtful and wise decision in regards to this important submission. We don't need gas: we do need to breathe clean air and drink clean water.

Yours Sincerely,

Decima Wraxall,
2117