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Subject: NARRABRI GAS PROJECT (SSD 6456) Comment/Objection in relation to Santos "Submission to IPC following public hearing"
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To the Panel;

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing in response to the submission made to the IPC on August 10 by Santos. I urge you to reject the project, as every day the reports of deleterious changes to the environment by global emissions increase. A society is responsible for its future members. I have noted three issues around this new submission for your consideration.

1 - AEMO Roadmap - Energy Outlook July 2020.

Part of the applicant's response uses statements from the AEMO Energy Roadmap to support the need for a long term increased supply of Gas to the NSW Market. This roadmap provides a number of development scenarios for the future energy market. Santos is justifying their project by citing details from the Central Scenario, or even the Slow Change Scenario. As can be seen by the other scenarios (Fast Change, Step Change, High DER) gas plays no part in the energy market in 2040. (See Figure 49 AEMO 2020 ISP Appendix 4 July 2020 - <https://aemo.com.au/-/media/files/major-publications/isp/2020/appendix--4.pdf>)

2 - Fugitive Emissions - contributions of gas

In their submission Santos cites a number of sources in relation to Greenhouse Gas Accounting (GHG).

They have made use of Commonwealth Department of the Environment National Greenhouse Accounts 2016. If you look at the latest available report (Quarterly Report Dec 2019 - <https://www.industry.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-05/nggi-quarterly-update-dec-2019.pdf>) you can see that gas emissions have been steadily rising (Figure 13), exceeding coal in early 2017. Australia is currently not achieving the necessary reduction to meet Paris commitments, and this project would exacerbate this issue.

Recent reports cited by the UN, and reported in Nature (<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-020-1991-8>) note that Methane has a much more significant effect on global emissions, but as much as 25% of the total. This effect is not included in any of the data Santos uses to support their proposal.

3 - Downward Pressure on gas prices

An article in the Sydney Morning Herald (August 18 2020 - Australia played for fuels on gas) states that Australia's large gas producers are charging domestic customers at least 20% then overseas buyers for the same product. A better short term solution to any gas deficit could be satisfied by following ACCC recommendations to force LNG suppliers to provide price equity. Santos is an LNG supplier.

Thank you

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