



My Final Objection.

Dear IPC,

I would like to show you an image of the Pilliga. Please make the right and only decision and ensure the Pilliga stays this way, free from coal seam gas.

With characteristic disregard for community and questionable procedural fairness Santos lodged an eleventh hour submission to you last week (they had several weeks to work on this and community had one week to respond).

The Santos submission stated in the Executive Summary: Santos has relied upon the best available science, expert research and opinion in our application to develop the Narrabri Gas Project so that the community can be confident it will not harm people, water resources or the environment.

Confidence is the feeling or belief that one can have faith in or rely on someone or something. I have no confidence whatsoever in Santos, this Santos statement, Santos ability to produce gas safely or their best available science, expert research and opinion.

The Narrabri Gas Project is not just a CSG project. It has become a litmus test for democracy and justice in NSW and will be an indicator of whether the Planning & Approvals process in this State works. It has become a gateway through which Santos may potentially drive their community-wrecking bulldozer.

If we have not already done enough to show the IPC why it must reject this project then we will never be able to do enough. If approved, it will unleash an anger that decision makers have never been witness to before. Such is the level of reverence felt for the Pilliga, the passion to protect the underground water and the rusted on abhorrence and disgust felt for the unconventional gas industry. We live in a time that now sees the gas industry as a violation of human rights.

The logic stream flows towards outright rejection of this project. There will never be any consent or social licence for the Narrabri Gas Project or indeed any coal seam gas project in NSW. Countries across the planet have banned this industry for the damage it causes.

With respect for your position as decision makers.

Johanna Evans

*Pilliga raincloud image by Oliver Strewe shared with permission.*