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Dear Commissioners,

I write to oppose the proposed Narrabri Gas Project and make comment on the 'Response to Independent Planning Commission Questions' document prepared by DPIE.

The DPIE Response to IPC Questions suggests that the Narrabri Gas Project is fit for approval because the proposal will produce less emissions than coal. I take two issues with this:

- The comparison with coal is incredibly one-sided. Surely any comparison ought to be made with a range of alternatives including coal, solar & storage, wind & storage etc.
- It does not challenge the claim that gas *does* in fact have fewer emissions than coal, which was clearly refuted by experts who presented to the IPC.

This is like recommending someone catch Swine Flu because it's not quite as bad as Covid, except knowing all along that the death rates of the two diseases are much the same.

The DPIE response also argues that the emissions of the Narrabri Gas Project are somehow less potent or relevant because the gas will be used to "sustain existing gas use in East Coast gas market". The reality of climate change means that we must decrease our fossil fuel usage – a point that is completely ignored by this DPIE Response.

Finally, the DPIE Response still considers the emissions associated with this project to not be "significant", despite Santos estimating it will produce equivalent to 0.9% of Australia's total emissions, and various experts suggesting that this is a gross underestimate. DPIE is simply wrong – this is a very significant level of emissions, even if Santos' estimates are correct. I am a young person and I consider this level of emissions for a single project of a single company to be very significant.

Please reject the Narrabri Gas Project based on its significant contribution to climate change. Please look at your responsibility to the future generations when making this decision.

In hope for the future,  
Dylan Green