

The IPC Commission

My Final Objection'

The total disregard that Santos has shown towards the community came about last week when they submitted their final report at the eleventh hour with figures that we the public had never seen before.

If as stated by Santos that they are meeting the most stringent environmental and water security guidelines anywhere in the world then all that I can say is to quote David Kitto "you know".

I have no confidence at all in the Santos statement and their ability to produce gas safely and to not have any effect on our clean green environment that we live in at the moment. The uncertainty of the scientific research where you can have two groups sitting either side of a table arguing about who is right and who is wrong proves that no one really knows what the effects are going to be and therefore that should be enough to stop this toxic project from going ahead.

This project from day one has been a political football and will prove one way or the other how much power the mining industry has over the government of the day with the lobby groups and donations made for the elections.

The people in the bush have seen generations of relatives go off to fight wars and to defend their country and the way of life that we live. I am not fighting this battle for myself but for my children and my grandchildren and to see them lead a life with clean water and air to breath. I wrote to the Police Minister several years ago asking him how far his government was prepared to push because history has shown that when people are pushed hard enough into a corner they will come out fighting and this battle will not be over until the NGP is shut down. I will not allow those who sacrificed so much in the past to defend this country only to see it destroyed from within.

There will never be a social licence for the Narrabri Gas Project nor any other coal seam gas industry in NSW and one only has to look across borders and overseas to see the untold and irrefutable damage that has been done to the environment with well pads and other infrastructure that can never be rehabilitated.

For a short term gain with a long term outlook of the damage that can be done please take a responsible position as the decision makers on this project

Don McKenzie