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Good morning I am writing as a qualified power supply engineer with over 30 years experience in power supply in NSW, and the managing director of 4 Narrabri based companies, one of which manufactures vehicle toolboxes for national and export markets with over 35 years in business. Having read the responses from Santos in relation to matters raised by objection at the recent IPC hearings I offer the following:

1. Santos quite rightly states that their ability to develop and manage the Narrabri gas resource should be judged on their 65 years of experience in Queensland where they have over 2300 wells with no apparent issues.
2. The potential to turn salt waste from coal seam water into bicarbonate soda is worthy of development in its own right, as it has potential globally not just at Narrabri.
3. The well-related roads infrastructure will enhance the ability to fight fire in the Pilliga; access to seats of fires has always been a problem.
4. Regarding security of energy supplies, the Leewood Power Station when upgraded to full capacity from the gas production will provide electricity security to the northwest area and especially in the event of a 'black start' situation. The latter is caused when synchronisation of generation fails and the grid system blacks out. This happened last summer in South Australia. As more static electricity production (eg wind, solar) is connected to the grid, the chances of loss of synchronisation increase. In the event of a black start failure in NSW, there would be a minimum of seven days to restore power to major centres like Tamworth and Orange, the Narrabri area could take up to 3 weeks. However by isolating the local grid from the greater network, Leewood would be able to restore supply to the local area within minutes. No-one has mentioned this but it is an added bonus for those companies planning to establish in Narrabri to use gas as their main energy source.
5. Santos as a company has, in my 25 years of dealing with them, nationally and locally, proven to be focussed on using local products and services, employing and training local people, are good people to deal with, and also in my experience, follow through on commitments.

I offer my support for the project.

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