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Submission: Northern Rivers Guardians Inc. (NRG) is a not-for-profit, non-party political organisation consisting of more than five hundred members who are immutably opposed to gas exploration and production either here in the Northern Rivers region of New South Wales or anywhere else in this State.

NRG note that the "Conduct of the Review" is so narrow that the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal is tasked with devising compensation arrangements for individual landholders only, with no regard to the communities, the local businesses or the ecosystems that suffer horribly when gas extraction takes place. The ongoing Tara/Chinchilla disaster caused by gas mining in Queensland is one of too many worldwide examples that this industry is unsafe.

Therefore it is our organisation's submission to IPART that there can be no adequate or appropriate compensation for every affected NSW landholder for the destruction of land, the poisoning of water, the ruination of human health and the theft of our children's futures that inevitably accompany unconventional gas exploration and production everywhere on Earth that this toxic industry has been allowed to operate.

Gas exploration and production in the Northern Rivers and right across NSW must be shut down immediately. Cancel the licences, force the gas industry to remediate the areas of the State they have already trashed and kick them out without delay. Problem solved, there will be no need to compensate NSW landholders at all.