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ATTN: Director, Assessment Policy, Systems & Stakeholder Engagement, Department of Planning and Infrastructure

Dear Director

Please accept this as our submission to the above information exhibition.

Firstly we are absolutely opposed to Coal Seam Gas mining anywhere here on the North Coast of NSW. It is a totally inappropriate industry for this region and we firmly believe that its development, if approved, would create serious environmental issues in the short term, and ultimately create an environmental catastrophe in the medium and long term. Only now are we starting to see the serious environmental effects and consequences of years of CSG mining in the United States. Surely we are intelligent enough here in Australia to understand these consequences, and make the call to suspend any further development of this industry, at the very least until the proven processes and technology is in place to ensure with absolute certainty that the environment and current land use activities are not threatened in any way.

On a more specific point, referring to the Future Growth Areas Map – Sheet STA_044 – showing Coffs Harbour and surrounding areas, we wish to bring your attention to an error. The very bottom Red area zoned for Future Residential growth in Bonville which includes Gleniffer Rd is inaccurate in that it has not taken into account land immediately to the west of the Red zone which has already been determined by Coffs Harbour City Council to be rezoned for small-lot rural residential subdivision, and is currently undergoing detailed studies by Council in preparation for this rezoning in the near future. When rezoned this land will essentially be residential land and as such should be added to the Red zone.

There are also other areas around Coffs Harbour undergoing studies for rural residential rezoning which may also have been omitted from the map. We trust you will give careful consideration to our submission and liaise with Coffs Harbour City Council to correct this omission.

Kind regards

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