

# NORTH COAST NATIONALS

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The Hon Rob Stokes, MP  
Minister for Planning  
GPO Box 5341  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Minister

We, the North Coast Nationals, write to you in relation to the draft North Coast Regional Plan, which is currently on exhibition.

Community concern has been raised with each of us in relation to the reference to the potential of developing a coal seam gas industry on the North Coast (Page 28 of the draft Plan).

As you well know there has been widespread community opposition to the coal seam gas industry on the North Coast and the NSW Government has listened to the concerns of the public and acted by buying back all of the petroleum exploration licences on the North Coast.

Given the NSW Government's commitment to the community, we would strongly urge that the final Plan makes it eminently clear that coal seam gas resources on the North Coast will remain in the ground.

Yours sincerely

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Member for Clarence

The Hon Thomas George  
Member for Lismore

Mr Geoff Provest  
Member for Tweed

Mr Andrew Fraser  
Member for Coffs Harbour

The Hon Melinda Pavey  
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The Hon Ben Franklin  
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Mr Stephen Bromhead  
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