

Narrabri gas would be a major GHG (greenhouse gas) emitter and is not 'clean' gas

KEY POINTS:

- **The carbon dioxide (CO₂) content of the gas is considerably higher than Santos assumes in the EIS. Based on analysis of available well results, the Narrabri coal seam gas average CO₂ content is 25% - 30%. That is about three times what Santos "assumes" in its EIS and six times its new "5% CO₂" claim. The available exploration data clearly shows high CO₂, which is not reflected in the EIS.**
- **There is no available data which supports a 5% CO₂ average across the NGP area, and Santos should be required to provide any data and independent analysis which contradicts the thousands of sample from 40 wells at the NGP locations**
- **The high inerts (CO₂ and Nitrogen [N₂]) content of gas in wells in PPLA13/14/15/16 will add materially to the cost of the proposed Narrabri CSG project**
- **Fugitive methane emissions are underestimated in the Santos EIS. The addition of reasonable estimates of fugitive methane emissions would increase the CO_{2e} emissions from the proposed project to over two (2) million tonnes CO_{2e} per year**
- **The use of the actual CO₂ content of the gas in the coal seams at Narrabri, and of internationally accepted factors for fugitive methane emissions for gas production, mean that total GHG emissions from the use Narrabri gas would approach those of coal, and lower emissions gas from other sources would be a better 'transition fuel' than Narrabri gas**
- **The emissions figures for CO₂ alone, based on the 25% CO₂ content are 1.7 million tonnes for "own fuel use" and this would increase to 2.1 million tonnes p.a. for the case where the project uses NSW coal-based electricity to remove the CO₂. It is misleading to not count the emissions from power used to process the gas.**

HIGH CARBON DIOXIDE GAS CONTENT IN NARRABRI GAS WELLS

- Narrabri CSG is very high in CO₂ which means there would be significant greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions arising from removing this CO₂ to obtain saleable gas. It means Narrabri CSG cannot be classed as a clean (low carbon) fuel.
- The “in-ground” CO₂ content of Narrabri gas which will be produced under the Narrabri Gas Project is estimated at 25%-30% using DIGS (NSW Geoscience)¹ open file data. This is contrary to Santos’ representations in its EIS, where Santos assumes an average of only 10% CO₂ in produced gas. This appears to be a material understatement of the carbon dioxide content of the gas.
- Santos has not provided useful summary material to allow the NSW EPA or other stakeholders (including its own shareholders) the ability to understand the high CO₂ content of the gas at Narrabri or the impacts of this high CO₂ on emissions and costs associated with the proposed project.
- The Narrabri gas project would need to extract and vent this 25%-30% CO₂ in order to meet user and NSW pipeline requirements. Based on 70 PJ of clean gas per year, this results in a calculated CO₂ volume vented (emitted to the atmosphere) by the Narrabri CSG project of around a million tonnes of CO₂ per year.
- It is likely that the high CO₂ (and nitrogen) components in the Narrabri gas will significantly increase the cost of developing and supplying gas from the high CO₂ coal seams around Narrabri to well over \$7/GJ²
- When the high CO₂, which must be removed from the produced gas and which Santos intends to vent to the atmosphere, is accounted for, the Narrabri gas has a very high CO₂ emissions factor associated with its use for power generation or other gas industry usage. The figures for this are presented in this analysis.

The distribution of CO₂ content in the main coals seams in the Pilliga is shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2 below, and in the wider Gunnedah Basin in Figure 3.

¹ <https://search.geoscience.nsw.gov.au/>

² Santos has claimed that Narrabri gas will cost \$6/GJ to bring to market (ABC Business Insider, February 2020), Independent costing of the Narrabri Project indicates it is in excess of \$7/GJ, before the high CO₂ and N₂ content is taken into account

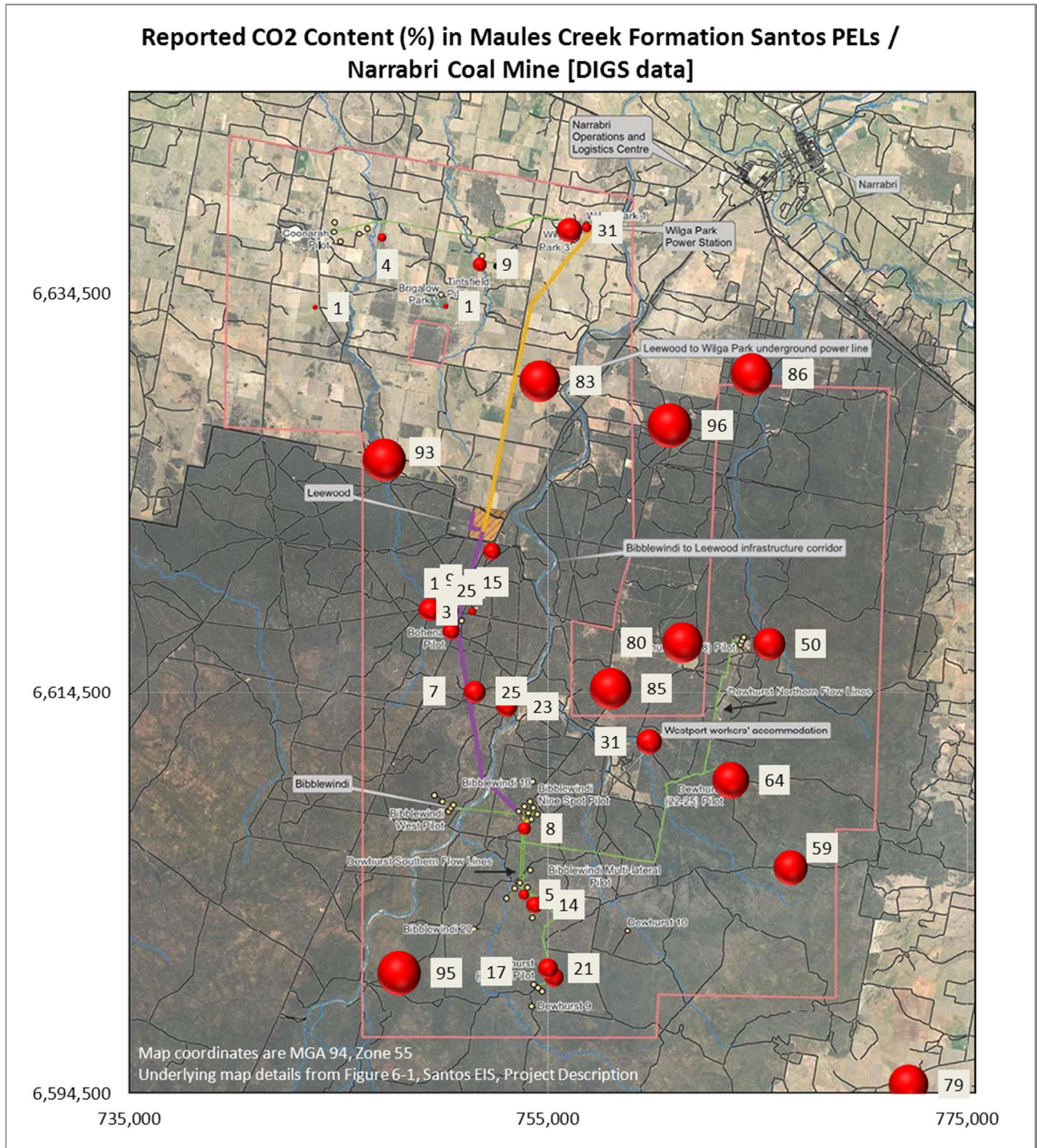
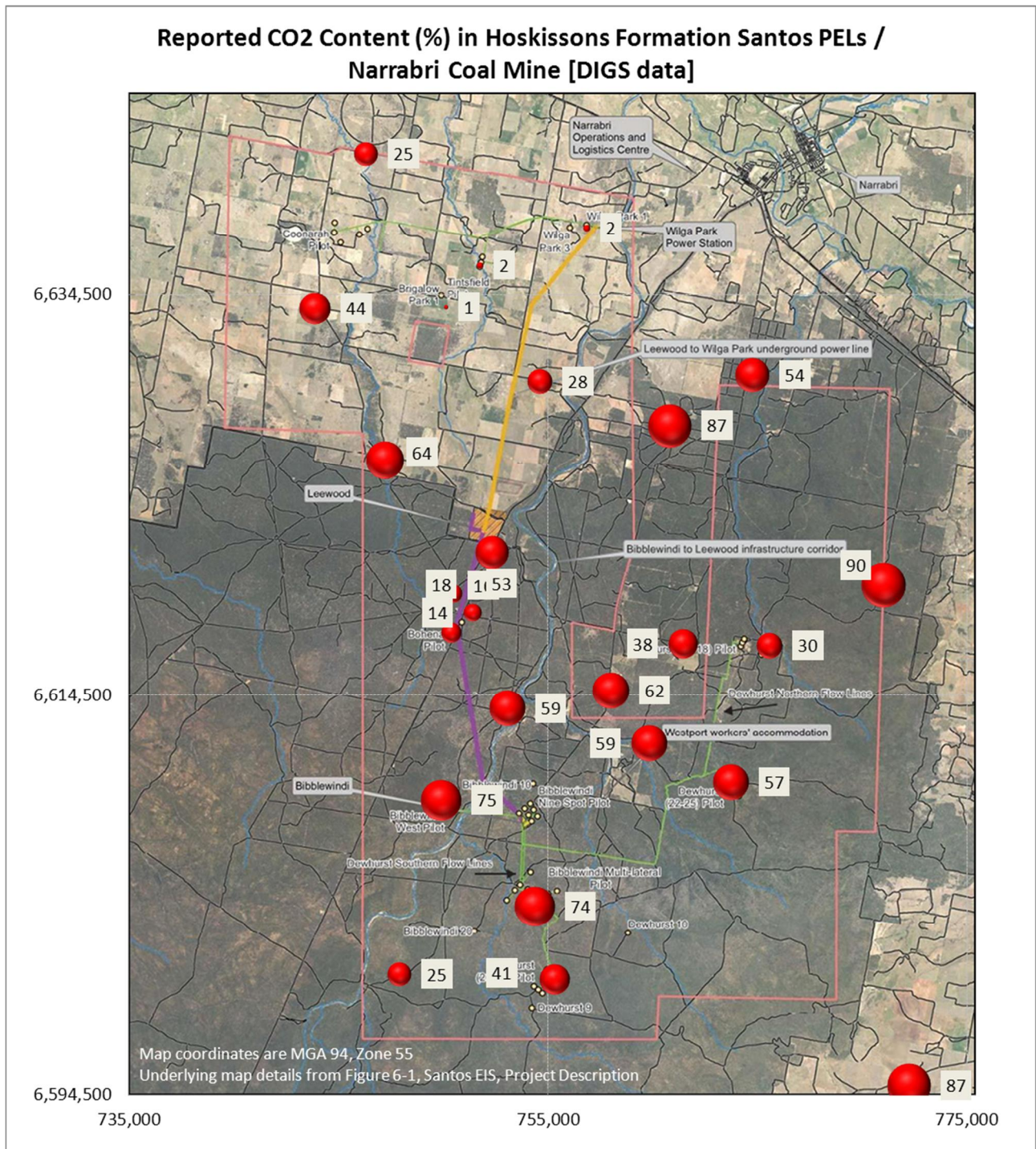


Figure 1 : Reported CO2 percentages in Maules Creek Formation PEL 238 (PPLA 13/PPLA14/ PPLA15/PPLA16)



**Figure 2 : Reported CO2 percentages in Hoskissons Formation PEL 238 (PPLA 13/PPLA14/
PPLA15/PPLA16)**

(Note: A table with the relevant DIGS well data is presented at the end of this document.)

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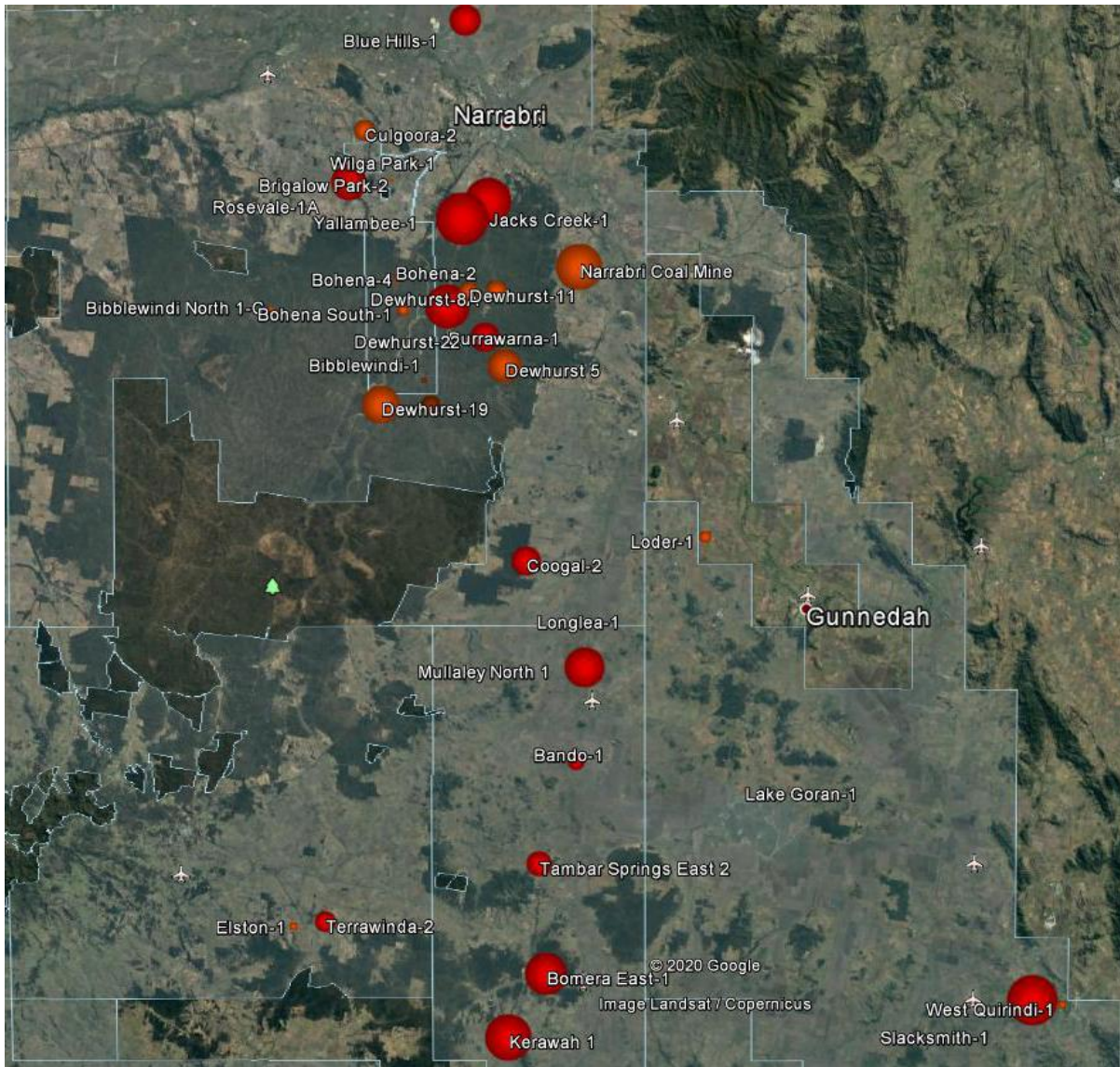


Figure 3 : Reported CO₂ percentages in main coal seams Santos PELs 1, 12 and 238 and Whitehaven Coal's Narrabri Underground Coal Mine.

Wells with composition data available in PEL 238, PEL 12 and PEL 1 (Gunnedah Basin).

Largest red bubble is 99.8% CO₂, bubble radius is proportional to CO₂ content.

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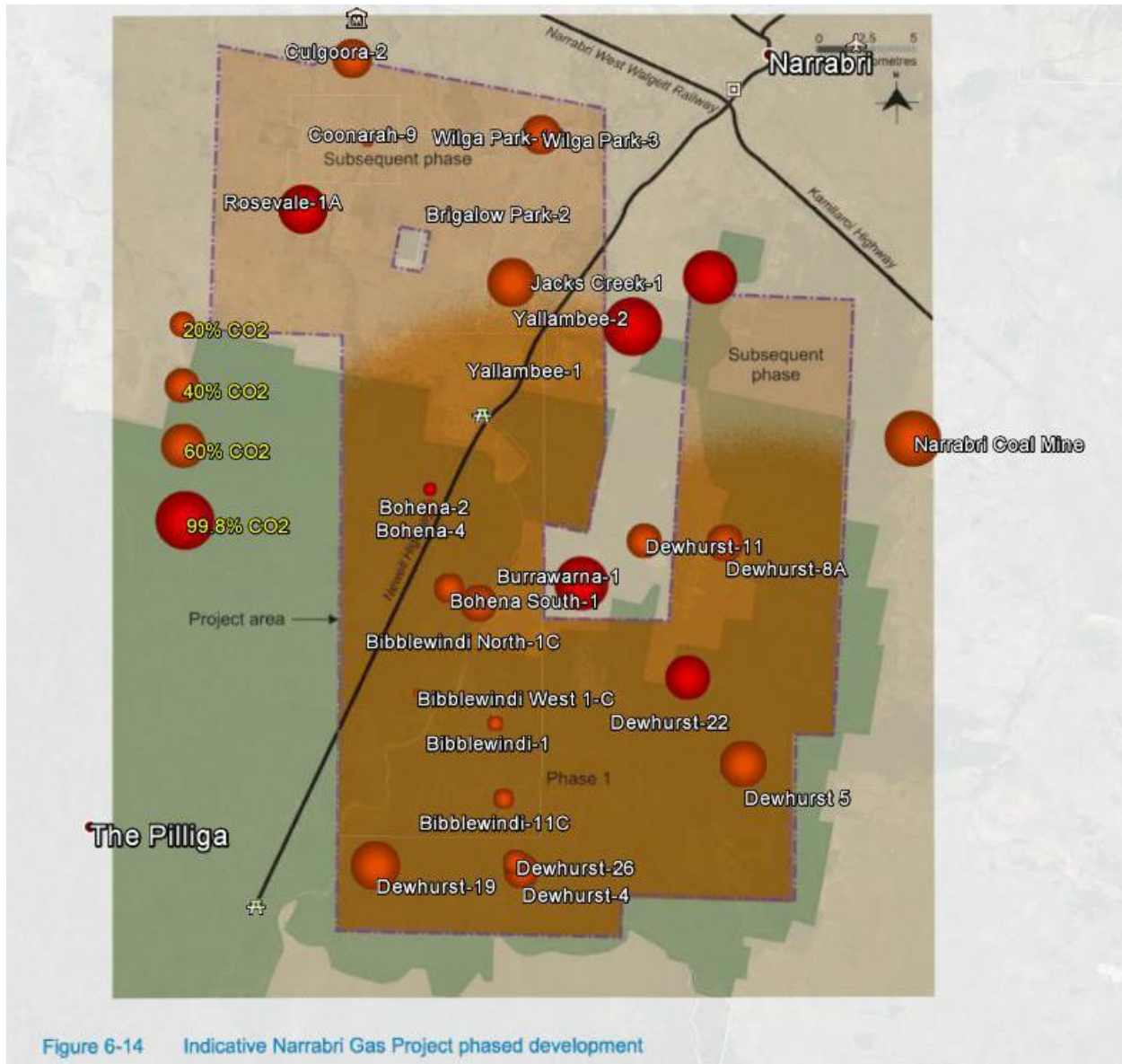
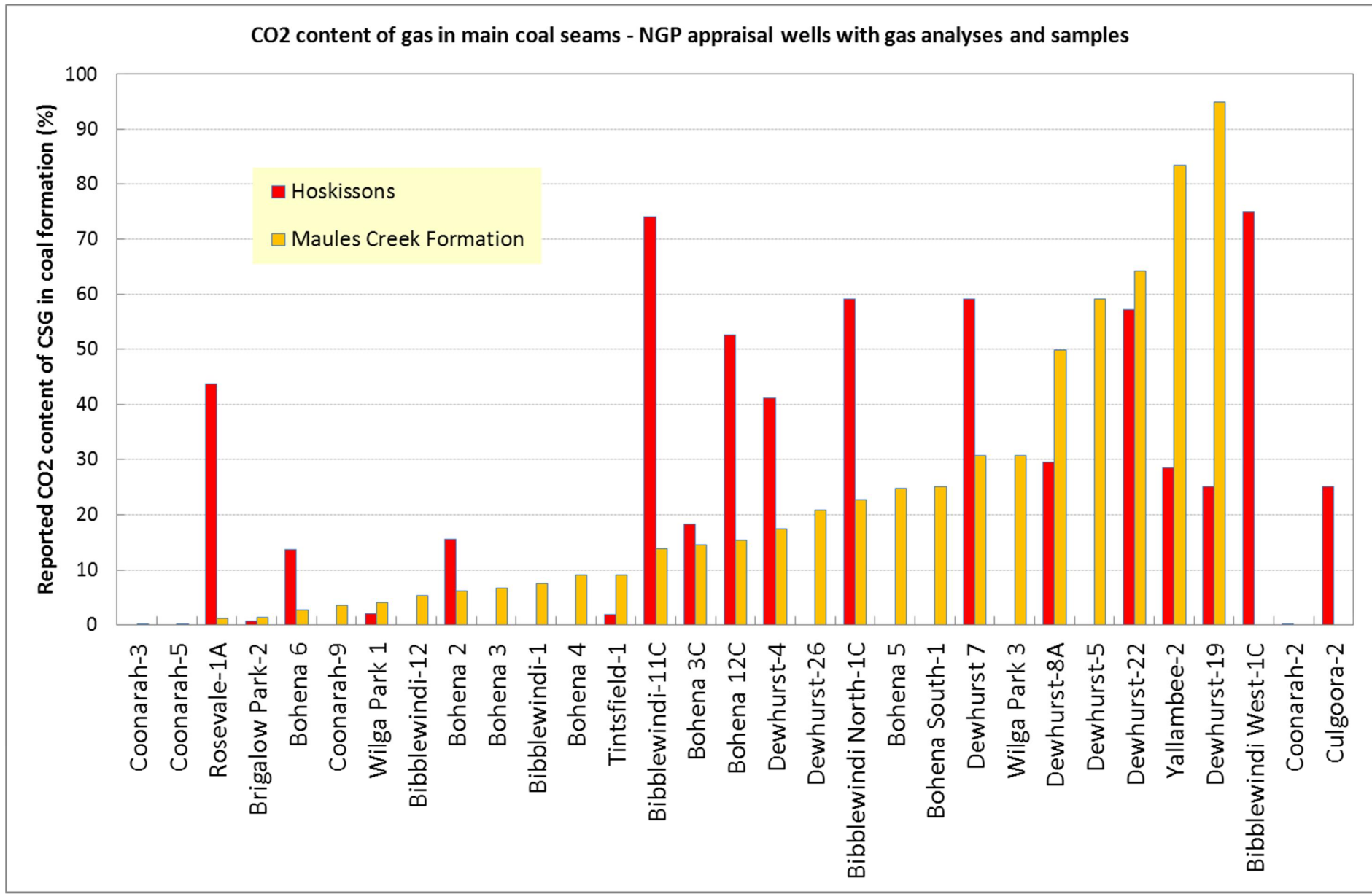


Figure 4: Reported concentrations of CSG CO₂ (in red) applied to Narrabri Gas Project area (in brown) showing that 60% CO₂ is not unusual or unexpected

Santos EIS Development Plan (Chapter 06 Project Description) indicative well phasing of the planned 850 wells, with well results from DIGS overlain, and showing most of the initial Phase 1 area to be developed has high CO₂ concentrations in the gas, in some cases exceeding 60%

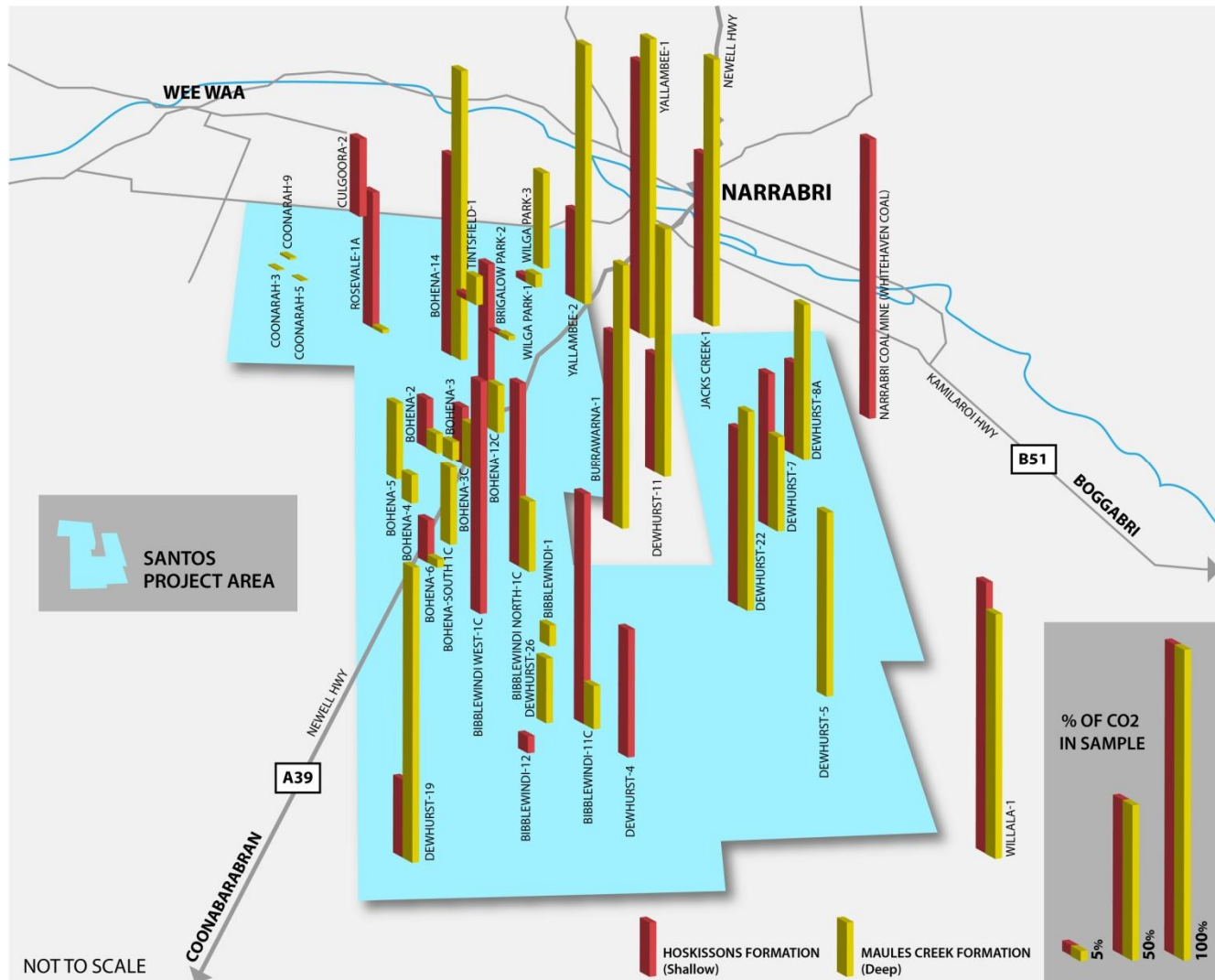
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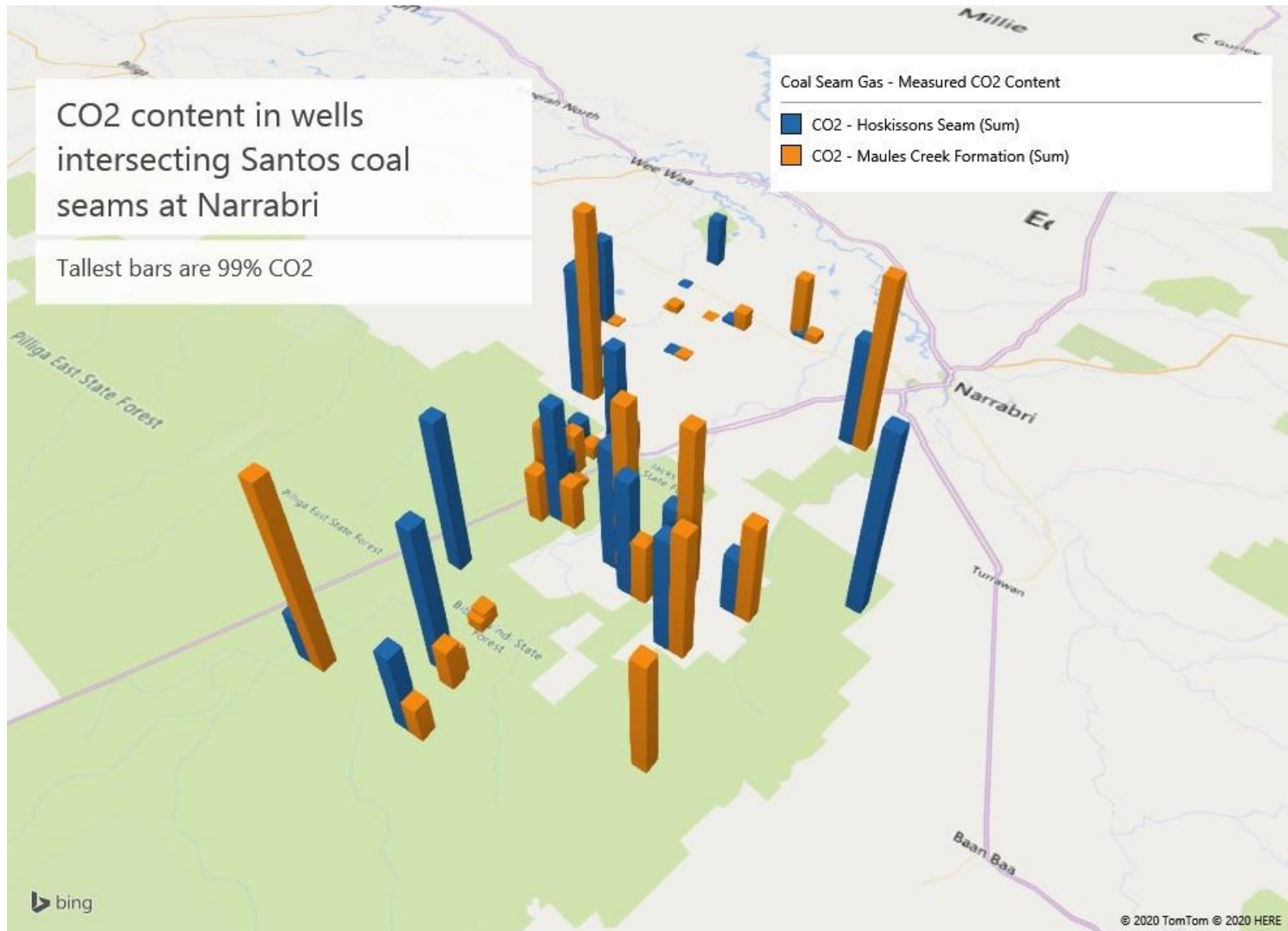
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CO₂ CONTENT ACROSS THE SANTOS NARRABRI PROJECT AREA

Well data spread across the project area, showing very high CO₂ in both **Hoskissons Formation** and the deeper **Maules Creek Formation** coal seams targeted by Santos for the project.



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FUGITIVE METHANE EMISSIONS FACTORS

- “Emissions factors” used to estimate the average fugitive emission rates of GHGs from a given source in kilograms per tonne can vary considerably, and there is a large difference between Australian allowed factors and international accepted factors (such as the EPA in the USA).
- Santos uses an “allowed” factor in its EIS of 0.0058% of methane³ fugitive emissions, according to the Australian Government National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting (Measurement) Determination 2008, clause 3.72.
 - This factor is recognised as unrealistically low, as it is not based on objective and unbiased areal sampling in a CSG (Coal Seam Gas) operation, but on an undocumented and curated selection of wells nominated by CSG (Coal Seam Gas) producers for CSIRO well-only measurements. The researchers from CSIRO who measured the methane leaks from “selected” wells were under a Federal Energy Department directive to NOT measure any high fugitive emissions sources (pipelines and gathering facilities) outside of or in between well pads, but had to confine themselves to well pad measurements⁴.
- The use of more realistic NGGI (National Greenhouse Gas Inventory) factors for fugitive methane emissions materially increases the calculated carbon footprint of the gas predicted to be produced at Narrabri.
 - The average fugitive emission factor for the Australian O&G Industry in Australia in 2015 is reported as 0.5% in the NGGI submitted to the United Nations⁴.
 - The U.S. EPA estimates of fugitive methane emissions in the oil and gas sector was increased to 1.4% of produced methane in February 2016⁴.
- When the more realistic Australian industry average of 0.5%⁵ or the USA EPA figure of 1.4% are used the total fugitive emissions from the Narrabri project increase from 2,000 tonnes of CO₂e (Carbon Dioxide equivalent) per year (for 70 PJ of sales gas) to 192,000 (at 0.5% fugitive emissions) or 540,000 tonnes CO₂e per year (at 1.4% fugitive emissions).
- There are numerous documented cases in Australia of CSG wells leaking high amounts of methane⁶, and also of gathering facilities leaking methane⁷. In some cases researchers were actively prevented from measuring these leaks (pages 47 and 48⁴).
- Santos EIS numbers for fugitive emissions and estimates, using more appropriate factors such as the U.S. EPA, are presented at the end of this document.

³ Santos EIS “Greenhouse Gas Assessment”

⁴ “A review of current and future methane emission from Australian unconventional oil and gas production”, October 2016, Melbourne Energy Institute (MEI)

⁵ See video evidence such as YouTube clip below

⁶ “Tony Smith from Warren, NSW, comments on a noisy, leaky CSG well. Apr 22, 2018” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AYulw1111vs>)

⁷ “Leaking, bubbling coal seam gas well - Pilliga State Forest - 21 July 2011” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qf5Rj3vfQPc>)

IMPACT OF HIGH CO₂ AND FUGITIVE EMISSIONS ON PROJECT GHG EMISSIONS

- The Table below summarise the CO₂ and CO₂e emissions from methane from the Narrabri CSM proposed project. Using realistic factors for CO₂ content and methane emissions, these CO₂e emissions range from 1 million tonnes per year to 2 million tonnes per year (Scope 1 emissions from the project). Santos figures for power use, flaring and venting are taken from or derived from Table 5.3 in Appendix R of the Santos Narrabri Gas Project EIS.
- Shifting the power generation for the proposed Project from “own use” to the coal dominated NSW grid will increase associated GHG emissions even further, and is not presented below as it is an even higher emissions case (the NSW average grid emission factor is 0.82 tonnes CO₂/MWh). **In effect, Santos would be using coal-fired power generation to remove CO₂ from Narrabri gas and also vent additional CO₂ into the atmosphere.**

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CO2 fraction of produced gas
 Million tonnes CO2e fuel (own use)
 Million tonnes CO2e fuel (grid power from NSW)
 Million tonnes CO2e vented
 Million tonnes CO2 flared
 Million Tonnes CO2e (operations, excluding fugitive methane) (a)

Carbon Dioxide from Produced Gas and Power for CO2 removal with 70 PJ p.a. of sales gas				
Imported LNG#	Narrabri CSG - Santos EIS CO2 content (Table 5-3)	Narrabri CSG - Santos EIS CO2 content (Table 5-3)	Using average well CO2 content from DGIS data	Using average well CO2 content from DGIS data plus external NSW power emissions
0.0%	10.8%	10.8%	24.50%	24.50%
0.050	0.470	0.470	0.605	0.215
-	-	-	-	0.720
-	0.493	0.493	1.120	1.120
-	0.005	0.005	0.011	0.011
0.050	0.968	0.968	1.736	2.066

Applied Leakage Factor
 Tonnes fugitive methane
 Methane Global Warming Potential relative to CO2***
 Million Tonnes CO2e (Fugitive Methane) (b)

Fugitive (Methane) Venting Emissions Estimation (CO2e) - 70 PJ				
NGER Factors	Santos EIS (uses contested NGER "Factors" for wells only)*	Australian 2014 National Inventory Report - Gas Industry Average (NGGI)	USA EPA February 2013 Gas Industry Average (NGGI)**	USA EPA 2016 Gas Industry Average (NGGI)**
0.0058%	0.0058%	0.50%	1.20%	1.40%
80	80	6,854	16,451	19,193
28	25	28	28	28
0.002	0.002	0.192	0.461	0.537

Total Project Associated Emissions Estimation (CO2e) - 70 PJ				
NGER Factors	Santos EIS (uses contested NGER "Factors" for wells only)*	Australian 2014 National Inventory Report - Gas Industry Average (NGGI)	USA EPA February 2016 Gas Industry Average (NGGI)**	USA EPA 2013 Gas Industry Average (NGGI)**
CO2 Emissions (production activities) (tonnes p.a.) [(a)+(b)]	51,930	969,631	1,159,568	2,196,700
CO2 Emissions from 70PJ of generation (tonnes p.a.) [Sales Gas]	3,770,000	3,770,000	3,770,000	3,770,000
Electricity assumed generated from 70 PJ of gas (MWh)	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000
Power generation from gas - emissions intensity (tonnes CO2e/MWh)	0.55	0.68	0.70	0.85

NGGI : National Greenhouse Gas Inventory

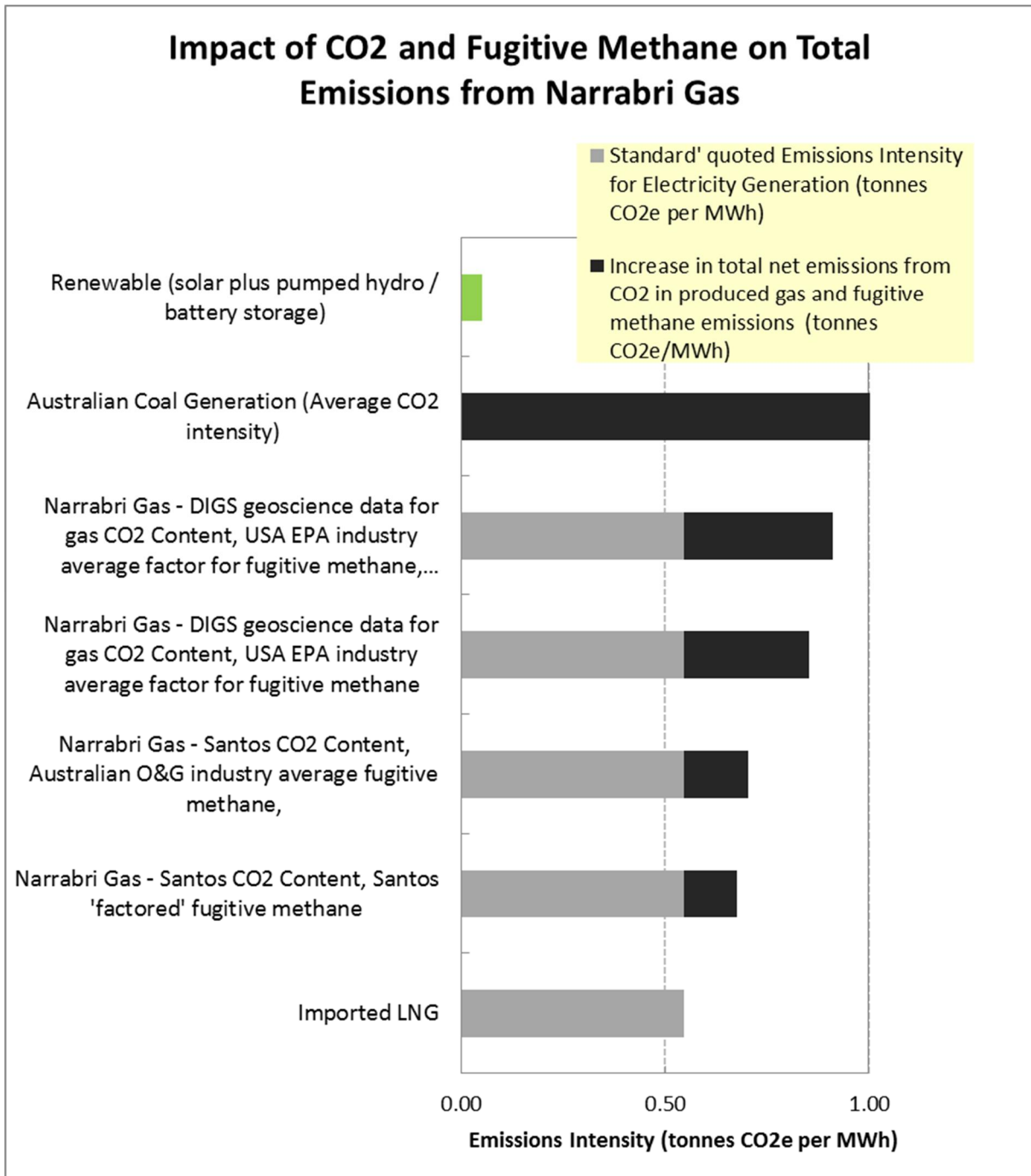
#GHG estimate taken from Scenario C, Import Terminal EIS for 140 PJ p.a. supply from low CO2 content LNG producer

* this factor lacks validity as it ignores (a) high emission wells (b) any leakage in in-field gathering lines and infrastructure (see MEI report, p6)

** Table 4, MEI 2016 Report

*** Santos uses a legacy GWP of 25. UNFCCC Fifth Assessment Report recommends a value of 28

Figure 4. Impact of CO₂ and fugitive methane on Total Emissions from Narrabri Gas



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Table 3. Data from <https://search.geoscience.nsw.gov.au> (DIGS) used to calculate average CO₂ content in Pilliga licences for Narrabri CSG (Coal Seam Gas)

Note - well names have direct link to data (also see DropBox). These wells are **inside or near the borders of PPLA 13 / PPLA 14 / PPLA 15/ PPLA 16.**

This Table has the data for all gas samples that are publicly available (i.e. low CO₂ and high CO₂)

Well	Date drilled	MGA Zone 55		CO ₂ Value used - MCF	CO ₂ Value used - HS	Source of Composition Data	Composition of MCF				Composition of Hoskissons				Comments													
		Easting	Northing				Seam	N ₂	CO ₂	CH ₄	Seam	N ₂	CO ₂	CH ₄														
Biblewindi North-1C	11-05-07	753011.0	6613832.8	22.6	59.1	Biblewindi_North_1C_Gas_Composition (thickness weighted average of seams)	MCF		22.6					59.1														
Biblewindi West-1C	07-01-08	749880.1	6609246.3	No data	75.0	Use HS sample data ES0067 on in gas desorption report. [GS2010_0481.RE0000272.Biblewindi West 1C Gas (Composition).pdf Sample is described as wellhead gas in March 2009 but no record of sampling can be found and well is recorded as P&A in 2007, so impossible to have taken a sample in 2009? Note - BW-1C Desorption report consistently indicates significantly high [CO ₂ +N ₂], but only Hoskissons seam analyses are presented	Thin		No data		HS			75.0		<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Q1+Q2+Q3</td> <td>CO₂+N₂</td> <td>1.59</td> <td>m³/t</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>CH₄</td> <td>0.52</td> <td>m³/t</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>N₂+CO₂+CH₄</td> <td>2.12</td> <td>m³/t</td> </tr> </table>	Q1+Q2+Q3	CO ₂ +N ₂	1.59	m ³ /t	Total	CH ₄	0.52	m ³ /t		N ₂ +CO ₂ +CH ₄	2.12	m ³ /t
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Biblewindi-1	01-04-00	753855.4	6607734.7	7.6	No Data	Appendix_5b_gas_and_water_analysis.pdf [Sample 238/0007]	Tight	5.03	7.6	87.03	Tight, No data		No Data		Separator Gas													
Biblewindi-11C	24-11-07	754342.8	6603932.2	13.9	74.0	Biblewindi_11C_Gas_Composition.pdf [BBW11C-GG14]	MCF	0.25	13.91	85.83	HS		74.0		Black Jack Formation : 47% CO₂; Hoskissons 74%													
Biblewindi-12	08-01-09	753818.6	6604437.0	5.4	No Data	Biblewindi_12_Gas_Composition.pdf (looks to be from wellhead sample 23/4/2009. Hoskissons seam cemented off)	MCF	2.69	5.42	91.82	No data		No Data															
Bohena 2	02-04-98	750432.7	6619591.0	6.3	15.6	Appendix_2_Gas_composition_analyses.pdf [BHN2391905980020A]	MCF	1.75	6.26	91.83	HS		15.63															
Bohena 3	29-06-98	750352.8	6617645.6	6.7	No Data	WCR280.R00031547.Bohena 2 Gas Composition.jpg	MCF	3.63	6.71	89.40	No data		No Data															
Bohena 3C	03-02-99	750352.8	6617645.6	14.6	18.3	Appendix_II_gas_comp_sample_timing_tabulations_plots_gas_comp_analyses	MCF	22.45	14.55	62.00	HS		18.30															
Bohena 4	11-06-98	750377.9	6618623.1	9.1	No Data	WCR280.R00031547.Bohena 2 Gas Composition.jpg	MCF	0.57	9.10	90.22	No data		No Data															
Bohena 5	12-07-98	749349.0	6618693.6	24.7	No Data	WCR280.R00031547.Bohena 2 Gas Composition.jpg	MCF	4.60	24.66	66.84	No data		No Data															
Bohena 6	04-08-98	751373.9	6618618.3	2.6	13.7	WCR280.R00031547.Bohena 2 Gas Composition.jpg	MCF	6.78	2.62	77.40	HS		13.65		Use HS data from 6H, B-6 N ₂ is too high to be real data													
Bohena 12C	23-07-07	752301.8	6621619.8	15.3	52.6	Bohena_12C_Gas_Composition.pdf [Hoskissons 45% / Maules Creek Formation 15%]	MCF	6.50	15.32	76.00			52.61															
Bohena 14	14-04-10	747170.1	6626227.0			Bohena_14_Gas_Composition.pdf [Hoskissons formation 64% CO ₂ , MCF 93% CO ₂]	MCF		93.19				64.39															
Bohena South-1	02-07-04	751483.1	6614583.6	25.0	No Data	Well_completion_report_on_Bohena_South_1.pdf (Producing gas sample data) Desorption reports referred to in WCR are missing from DIGS	MCF	5.00	25.00	65.00	No data		No Data		https://search.geoscience.nsw.gov.au/report/R00079264													
Brigalow Park-2	15-11-10	750105.7	6633893.1	1.4	0.7	Brigalow_Park_2_Gas_Composition.pdf [BPK002_0010211102330A1_1] HS : BPK002_009; MCF : BPK002_014	MCF	0.00	1.36	99.06	HS		0.69															
Burrawarna-1	05-05-00	757961.1	6614737.7			Appendix_8_desorbtion_report (Composition).pdf MCF : BWA1ED170206001609B ; HS : BWA1ED081505001101A	MCF	3.58	85.13	11.00	HS		61.73															
Coonarah-2	21-08-95	646830.7	6637863.6	No data	0.0	Appendix_3_gas_analysis_(240kb_pdf).pdf	Not drilled		No data		HS	7.00	0.01	92.67	https://search.geoscience.nsw.gov.au/report/R00031946													
Coonarah-3	14-12-01			0.1	No data	Text_Coonarah-3_well_completion_report.pdf DST #1 tested the Maules Creek Formation	MCF	12.45	0.08	86.70	No data		No data															
Coonarah-5	10-11-01			0.1	No data	Appendix_3_gas_analysis_report_pdf_79KB.pdf , DST#2 [MCF]	MCF	12.77	0.14	86.55	No data		No data															
Coonarah-9	13-07-09	747066.0	6637315.0	3.6	No data	Coonarah_9_Gas_Composition.pdf [CNH009ED071905091537A1]		2.31	3.57	94.08	No data		No data															

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Well	Date drilled	MGA Zone 55		CO2 Value used - MCF	CO2 Value used - HS	Source of Composition Data	Composition of MCF				Composition of Hoskissons				Comments
		Easting	Northing				Seam	N2	CO2	CH4	Seam	N2	CO2	CH4	
	20-01-11	746284.2	6641556.5	No data	25.0	Culgoora_2_Gas_Composition.pdf (Mostly Black Jack Group, only 2 m of MCF in well)	Very thin		No data		HS		25.00	50.00	https://search.geoscience.nsw.gov.au/report/RE0001453
Dewhurst-2	21-04-08	758390.9	6606255.8	No data	No data	Cannot find any composition data in WCR or Appendices	No data		No data		No data		No data		
Dewhurst-4	03-07-08	755289.1	6600283.6	17.5	41.1	Dewhurst_4_Gas_Composition.pdf	MCF		17.48	60.00	HS		41.13		https://search.geoscience.nsw.gov.au/report/RE0000254
Dewhurst-5	08-10-08	766562.7	6605802.4	59.2	No data	Dewhurst_5_Gas_Composition.pdf (Average of MCF; GC06 sample - 68% CO2)	MCF		59.22	35.00	No data		No data		https://search.geoscience.nsw.gov.au/report/RE0000255
Dewhurst 7	10-09-08	759818.4	6612077.3	30.6	59.2	Dewhurst_7_Gas_Composition.pdf	MCF	6.00	30.61	62.00	HS		59.18		
Dewhurst-8A	20-11-13	765546.0	6616987.0	49.9	29.5	Appendix_13-Gas_Desorption_Report [DWH8A_021D MCF] note - all formations > 40%	MCF	5.00	49.85	55.00	HS		29.51		https://search.geoscience.nsw.gov.au/report/RE0005996
Dewhurst-11	10-11-09	761419.8	6617066.8			Dewhurst_11_Gas_Desorption_Analysis [DWH11ED230911091302B, MCF - 80%; DWH11ED081710091900A Hoskissons, 38%]	MCF	5.00	80.00	60.00	HS		38.00		https://search.geoscience.nsw.gov.au/report/RE0000617
Dewhurst-19	15-May-11	747878.1	6600510.2	95.0	25.0	Dewhurst_19_Gas_Composition.pdf [DWH019_0030805111017A1 Black Jack 70%; DWH019_0080805111036A1 Hoskissons 75%; DWH019_0101105110714A1 Maules Creek Formation 94%]	MCF	5.00	95.02	25.00	HS		62.17		https://search.geoscience.nsw.gov.au/report/RE0001664
Dewhurst-22	10-12-13	763704.0	6610149.0	64.3	57.2	Appendix_12-_Gas_Desorption_Report (Composition).pdf [DEW022_001DGASB]	MCF	0.28	64.27	35.00	HS		57.16		All seams high CO2. 594 - Hoskissons 923 Bohena (MCF), 60% average in both
Dewhurst-26	03-03-14	754984.3	6600730.2	20.8	No data	Appendix_9_-_Gas_Desorption_Report (Compositions).pdf [DEW026_006D (E)]	MCF	0.00	20.80	78.50	No data		No data		Bohena Coal Seam (base of MCF)
Jacks Creek-1	29-07-00	764715.4	6630498.4			Appendix_6_core_description_test_results_(Composition).pdf [JAC1ED401408001550B]	MCF	12.93	86.03	1.04	HS		54.00		WCR "the well appeared to be highly CO2-prone"
Mullaley North-1	14-02-02	777405.0	6560650.0			Text_main_report (Composition).pdf [E109 considered representative]	MCF	0.00	75.60	24.50	HS		85.20		Desorbed has composition, no test flow
Narrabri Coal Mine	13-04-15	771000.0	6620000.0			NAR- Stage 2 EA Specialist-Part 8 - Greenhouse Gas Assessment.pdf (P8-15)	No data				HS		90.00	10.00	Underground mining of up to 8 Mtpa of ROM coal from the Hoskissons Seam.
Rosevale-1A	17-Feb-10	743852.3	6633826.7	1.2	43.6	Rosevale_1A_Gas_Composition.pdf HS : RVL001AED123101100700A ; MCF : RVL001AED161002101800A1	MCF	0.00	1.20	30.27	HS		43.64		BJG - 60%, Hoskissons - 35%, MCF 1% - big variability between seams
Tintfield-1	09-Oct-09	751732.3	6635979.9	9.1	1.8	Tintfield_1_Gas_Composition.pdf HS : TFD1ED121711091157C1 ; MCF : TFD1ED251711091413C1	MCF	0.00	9.10	90.00	HS		1.82		
Wilga Park 1	13-03-98	756830.7	6637863.6	4.1	2.0	WCR280.R00031547.Bohena 2 Gas Composition.jpg	MCF		4.08		HS		1.95		
Wilga Park 3	09-12-98	755995.6	6637719.9	30.7	No data	WCR280.R00031547.Bohena 2 Gas Composition.jpg	MCF		30.65		No data		No data		
Willala-1	07-Feb-11	772194.2	6594958.5			Willala_1_Gas_Composition.pdf HS : WIL001_0023001110822B1_2 ; MCF : WIL001_0080202112156A1_2	MCF	0.00	78.69	8.76	HS		87.13		
Yallabee-1	26-Aug-09	760783.0	6627968.0			Yallabee_1_Gas_Desorption_Analysis.pdf (Outside permit) HS : YLB1ED06 ; MCF : YLB1ED19	MCF	0.00	96.26	0.00	HS		87.39		
Yallabee-2	21-Apr-11	754579.8	6630169.1	83.4	28.5	Yallabee_2_Gas_Composition.pdf HS : YLB002_001; MCF : YLB002_007	HS?	0.00	83.37	28.45			58.82		Can't match sample numbers to seams unambiguously; min CO2 58%, some >84%
Average				22.3%	32.7%	<- average CO2 with wells outside PPLAs (13,14,15,16) excluded		4.3	34.8	59.8		7.0	46.6	50.9	
				70%	30%										
				25.4%											

Background Evidence concerning Narrabri Gas Project GHG claims

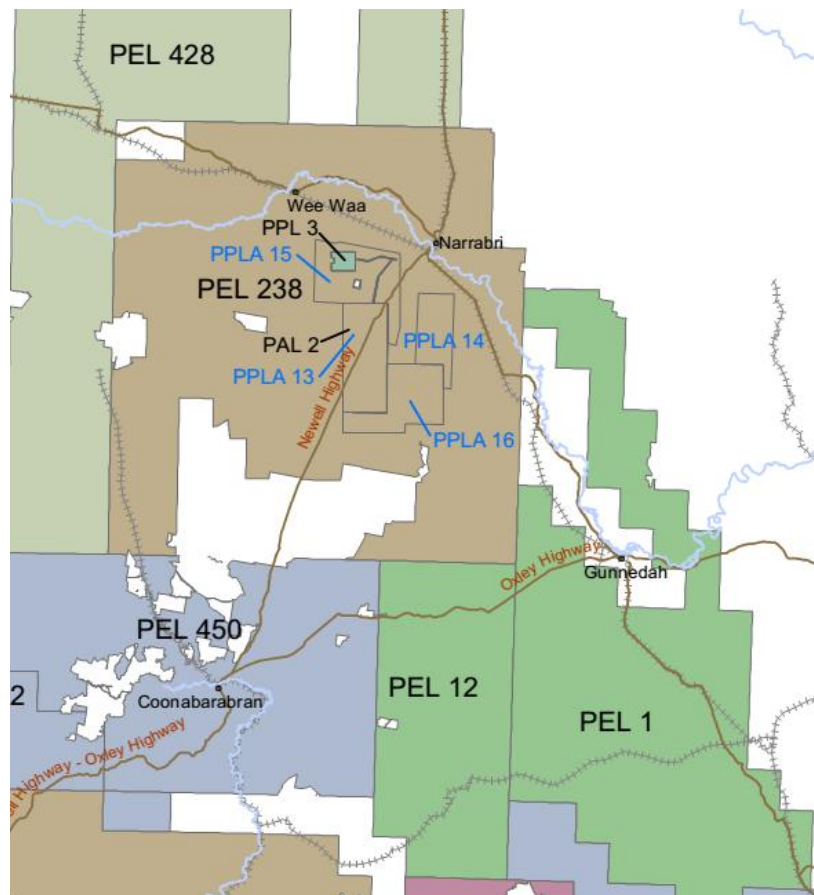


Figure 5 : Location of PELs and PPLAs from “PETROLEUM APPLICATIONS AND TITLES”, NSW Department of Industry, Resources and Energy, 7/12/2016

METHODOLOGY

Detailed quantification of CO₂ and Methane (Fugitive) emissions

Tables 1 and 2 (above) summarise the CO₂ and CO₂e emissions from the Narrabri CSM (Coal Seam Gas) proposed project. Using realistic factors for CO₂ content and methane emissions, these CO₂e emissions range from 1 million tonnes per year to 2 million tonnes per year (Scope 1 emissions from the project). Santos figures for power use, flaring and venting are taken from or derived from Table 5.3 in Appendix R of the Santos Narrabri Project EIS. Shifting Project power generation from own use to the coal dominated NSW grid will increase emissions even further, as the average grid emissions intensity for NSW is 0.82 tonnes CO₂/MWh.⁸ Essentially, the Project would be burning coal to produce gas.

Notes on methodology:

Appropriate averages of the CO₂ in wells for which gas composition data was available for the Gunnedah Basin form the basis for this analysis. Wells have been analysed, tabled and mapped according to which PEL they are related to. As exploration wells seemed (logically) to be relatively evenly spread across the relevant areas, an average of the CO₂ in widely dispersed wells was considered as good an approach to determining the average CO₂ content in the PPLA areas as could be developed. With area-weighted averaging of the CO₂ in the wells with a GIS system, it is considered quite likely that the calculated average CO₂ content of the gas would increase.

The well coordinates and gas composition data are available for anyone to peer review and determine, if they wish, if there should be a different area-weighted averaged CO₂ fraction of the coal seam gas across the PPLAs and across the Gunnedah basin.

The basis for Santos' emissions factors are described in detail in Santos Appendix R Greenhouse Gas Assessment and the validity or applicability of those factors for fugitive methane are explored in detail in the MEI report cited above.

SOURCE DATA

Readers can refer to the DropBox drive link below which contains all relevant data.

[CO₂ Emissions Gunnedah Basin](#)

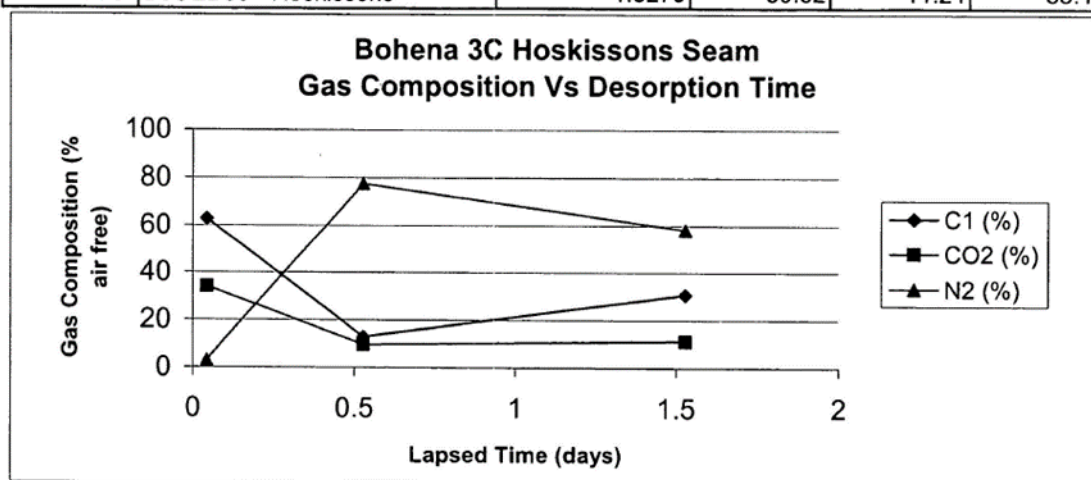
⁸ Based on Generation sources in Table O2 of https://www.energy.gov.au/sites/default/files/aes-table-o-2016-17_2017.pdf

DESORPTION RATES

The data available on DIGS indicates that the high CO₂ and N₂ contents of the gas are produced (desorbed from the coal) at the same time as methane (CH₄) production. An example is shown below from Bohena 3C. In addition to the high CO₂ desorption (release from the coal) the increasing N₂ production over time is likely to also impact cost and reserves for the project.

Figure 6 : Bohena 3C gas composition variation over time

Well	Sample/Seam	Lapsed Days	C1 (%)	CO ₂ (%)	N ₂ (%)
Bohena 3C	B3CED35 - Hoskissons	0.0418	62.79	34.09	3.02
Bohena 3C	B3CED35 - Hoskissons	0.0592		Not Analysed	
Bohena 3C	B3CED35 - Hoskissons	0.1946		Not Analysed	
Bohena 3C	B3CED35 - Hoskissons	0.5279	12.88	9.61	77.51
Bohena 3C	B3CED35 - Hoskissons	1.5279	30.62	11.24	58.11



Source : Bohena 3C - Appendix II Gas Composition Sample Timing Tabulations and Plots, Gas Compositional Analysis (13 pp), <https://search.geoscience.nsw.gov.au/report/R00030074>