

**INQUIRY INTO PERFORMANCE OF THE NSW
ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY**

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I am writing to you with my knowledge on a couple of events that seemed to have been compromised either by the EPA , Office of Coal Seam Gas, Santos or all three acting together to deceive the public and Government.

The events that I am talking about are brine water holding ponds that Santos has/had in the Pilliga Forrest , I have written to the EPA several times regarding these ponds but have had no response either in writing or by phone.

Self reporting does not work to have the villan reporting on himself will not work , Narrabri needs to have at least one or more EPA officers living in town on duty 7 days a week inspecting not only Santos but Coal mining and everything in between (contractors for these companies) hour by hour day by day 24/7 not just some token phone no in a town far away .

Santos fine of \$1500 is an insult to the intelligents of a clear thinking person especially when the same EPA fined Namoi Cotton (a co-op owned by growers) well in excess of \$100,000 for cotton trash that was washed away in a flash flood , a fine for Santos of \$1,500,000 to \$15,000,000 would have been more appropriate and then next time they would have self reported on time . This EPA needs to be in town now not in the distant future .