

**Submission
No 18**

**INQUIRY INTO PETROLEUM (ONSHORE) AMENDMENT
(CANCELLATION OF ZOMBIE PETROLEUM
EXPLORATION LICENCES) BILL 2021**

Organisation: Wando Conservation and Cultural Centre

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Wando CCC submission to The NSW Legislative Council's Portfolio Committee No. 4 : **Inquiry into the Petroleum (Onshore) Amendment (Cancellation of Zombie Petroleum Exploration Licences)**

Wando Conservation and Cultural Centre (Wando) acknowledges the Gomeroi, the traditional custodians of the land upon which we live and work and pays our respect to leaders past, present and emerging. Based at Maules Creek, members have close experience of PELS 1 and 12 on the Liverpool Plains.

WE have communicated our grave concerns about these 'zombie' PELS to the Member for New England and Minister for Agriculture and Western NSW, Adam Marshall, and the Member for Tamworth, Kevin Anderson, many times. A typical item of correspondence is attachment 1. We are aware that both MPs have had a number of significant opportunities to eliminate 'zombie PELS' yet consistently fail to fulfil their implied undertakings.

Wando made a substantial submission to the Independent Planning Commission on the Narrabri Gas Project. Attachment 2 is adapted from this submission.

We urge that the Inquiry support the extinguishing of the zombie PELS in acknowledgement that coal seam gas

- has already impacted and will continue to impact significantly on the environment and local communities
- is not critical for energy security and reliability in NSW
- presents a clear threat to Biodiversity and fragile ecosystems
- poses significant risks to groundwater
- contributes to Australia's failure to meet global warming targets, agreements and expectations
- creates appalling intergenerational inequity
- cannot be adequately subjected to strict regulation, monitored or subjected to compliance by the Department of Planning Industry and Environment
- has no social license
- presents insurmountable problems of disposal of waste water and salt

Wando urges that the Inquiry members unanimously demand the extinguishing of all 'zombie' PELS.