

## Talia Walker

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**To:** DPIE PSVC Special Activation Precincts Mailbox  
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**Subject:** Webform submission from: The draft Moree Special Activation Precinct Master Plan  
**Attachments:** moree-sap-submission.pdf

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Submitted by: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

### Submission Type

I am making a personal submission

## Name

**First name**

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**Last name**

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**I would like my submission to remain confidential**

Yes

## Info

**Email**

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**Suburb/Town & Postcode**

Moree 2400

**Please select if you support or object the Moree SAP**

Neutral

**Submission file**

[moree-sap-submission.pdf](#)

**Submission**

Please find attached my submission.

**I agree to the above statement**

Yes

Re: Activation Precincts SEPP, Moree Special Activation Precinct (SAP) draft Master Plan

I have taken a NETURAL stance on the Moree SAP at this stage.

Although I support the Special Activation Precinct in principle, there are aspects of the draft Master Plan that I object to, or which I foresee disharmony with our community and existing industries.

Vision:

I would like to see the addition of carbon-neutral in the last line.

...embrace new technologies and develop innovative, carbon-neutral energy solutions.

Gas and Hydrogen clarification

Throughout the document there needs to be greater clarification in relation to gas and hydrogen to ensure that Development Applications can be assessed correctly and a loophole is not created for unwanted industries like Coal Seam Gas .

For example:

1.3 Moree Special Activation Precinct context, p14. under

Energy

2. Encourage the use of renewable energy storage and creation through solar (including thermal solar), bioenergy, gas and hydrogen opportunities.

I object to 'encouraging the use of.....gas and hydrogen opportunities'. I propose a clarification of *green hydrogen opportunities*, and either the omission of *gas*, or the clarification of *gas (excluding fossil fuel gas)*

The reasons for this are that without this clarification a case for blue hydrogen (creation of hydrogen by using fossil fuel gas) may be made. Our Shire will receive additional pressure to develop coal seam gas fields across the Shire and as will other Shires throughout Gamilaroi country (Northwest NSW).

**Our community is strongly opposed to the coal seam gas industry developing in our Shire.**

Gamilaroi people, and many community members generally, are strongly opposed to the coal seam gas industry developing across our region; Gamilaroi country.

The use of fossil fuel gas and creating new demand for this fuel type is also counter to the NSW Net Zero Plan which aims to **reduce** our greenhouse gas emissions by facilitating a transition over the next decade in order to achieve a Net Zero by 2050.

I strongly object to development of *blue* hydrogen in the Moree SAP. I also strongly object to infrastructure, processing, and other related activities of/for new extractive gas (fossil fuel/ coal

seam gas) projects (located within NSW or Australia) being within the Moree SAP. The encouragement of new opportunities for fossil fuel projects or the further development of existing fossil fuel industries and projects is counter to the NSW Net Zero Plan and the broader aims of the 1.5degree target in the Paris Agreement.

It should also be noted that one of the goals of the International Framework for Eco-Industrial Parks (Version 2.0) is Gender Equality. If we are to encourage gender equality in the Moree SAP then it is important not to encourage development of fossil fuel based energy production, as women are less likely to engage in this energy sector. Women have shown increased participation in the renewable energy sector.

*Women's participation in the energy sector is below that of the broader economy.... Women only account for 22% of the labour force in the oil and gas sector and 32% in the renewables. \**

(Source: IRENA (2019) Renewable Energy: A Gender Perspective.

<https://www.irena.org/newsroom/articles/2019/Jan/Gender-equality-for-an-inclusive-energy-transition.> )

### Light Pollution

I would like to see provisions for the reduction of ambient light pollution in the Moree SAP. Being able clearly see our night sky scapes is a culturally and economically important aspect of Moree. One reason that tourists love to stay in our town for more than one night is to experience our beautiful skies, including the clarity of our night sky. Many community members have cultural and family stories, plus a deep appreciation for our *dark skies*. Gamilaroi people also have songlines and dreamtime stories that require a visual connection to star formations and a clear view of the Milky Way.

### Water

I am concerned that the Master Plan states consistently our 'secure' water supply and resources. Although our township has more secure water resources than many other regional NSW communities, these water resources must be carefully managed especially as our climate is changing and our access to 'secure' water becomes more finite. Our dams and our aquifers need time to replenish and recharge.

Although I am supportive of the aim to *Build off agriculture* (p15) and explore opportunities in value added activities, I am concerned by the language in point

2. 'leverage the existing water supply through protected agriculture...' and in point

3. ...to enhance and grow opportunities for: .....e. horticulture (pecans, almonds and possibly citrus)

I am concerned there is not better provision to be considerate of the impacts of leveraging existing water supply on the township, tourism industry and agriculture more broadly in our shire.

With Copeton Dam still at 44% (June 2021) despite an above average rainfall season water security is and should not be taken lightly.

Also almonds are much higher users of water than cotton and need watering even when they are unable to provide a viable crop. They also have a tendency to inflate water prices for other users in the region they exist.

I would prefer emphasis to be on plants that are more suitable to our current, and changing climate.

Final note:

I am not a member of any political party and have not made any reportable political donations in the last 2 years.