

To Whom It May Concern gas inquiry NT 2017,

My name is Daniel Tapp I was born in Katherine and I have been in the cattle industry all my life and I'm a pastoralist who's been living on my property on the Roper River for 20 years and have lived in the NT all my life.

We rely on good clean air, pasture, food and water to make a living & sell our produce. I along with my wife & two daughters are very concerned about unconventional shale gas mining in the NT & Australia

The inquiry needs to cover all aspects of unconventional Gas Fracking above ground & below ground.

I would like to thank the government for implementing the hydraulic fracturing moratorium. However, not all shale gas activities in the Northern Territory have ceased. Station owners, farmers and Traditional Owners are still battling to protect their land from gas companies wanting to clear seismic testing lines, drill test wells, etc. Please restore the community's trust and fulfil your election promise, by correcting this oversight as soon as possible.

This should include but not be limited to: environmental impacts such as biodiversity reduction, air and water pollution, methane and other gas emissions, human and animal health impacts, transport issues, and the impact on revenue generated by existing sustainable industries such as horticulture, agriculture and tourism.

The Panel should also investigate and implement protection measures for landowners, allowing landowners the right to refuse a gas company or industry representative access to their land and the right to say no.

In saying that .contamination, environmental and financial issues don't stop at the boundary fence.

What happens hundreds of miles away can have disastrous results for all.

There for with all the issues involved with no guarantees I would like to see a total ban on unconventional gas fracking in the NT and AUSTRALIA.

The need to include a review of internationally sourced literature, to examine global experiences of both the short and long-term impacts associated with all aspects of the onshore gas industry, not just the act of fracking the shale, e.g. pipeline emissions, impacts of flaring on air quality and climate change, human and animal health, impacts on land productivity, and the social-economic effects of fracking's boom-bust cycle.

The Panel should also include community representatives, sociologists, medical practitioners, lawyers, pastoralists, T O's and economists, to provide a balanced inquiry and expertise on the social

and health impacts of fracking, the rights of landholders to prohibit fracking on their land, and the true costs of fracking and its boom-bust cycles compared to our existing sustainable industries of agriculture, tourism, etc.

Improving the panel by making these alterations is vital to ensuring a genuine inquiry into the shale gas fracking industry and its impacts on the Northern Territory.

The beef pastoral industry is worth a billion dollars a year and has proved to be a sustainable industry for both jobs and the environment.

This would be greatly affected if the gas industry industrialises and contaminates the environment and water, even the industrialisation alone would have a massive effect on the industry...

These are issues I see arising from a full blown Gas industry above ground.

The FROG Tec report done by fifty different institutes worldwide for the CLP government said that to extract the two hundred trillion square feet of gas in the NT it would take approximately 65,000 gas wells, according to industry figures they work on a 6 to 8% well failure rate, this would mean that there would be around 4000 failing and leaking gas wells in the NT while in production,

Not including above ground risks.

What will stop well failure happening to the rest of the wells when Gas companies abandon them & when they begin to fail due to age & natural earth movement e.g. earth quakes & natural seismic movement with trillions & trillions of tons of pressure, well integrity will never stand the test of time.

I have had a geologist here in the past from the DME and when I asked him about fracking in this area he told me not to worry because it would be too risky and dangerous because of the amount of fault lines in the area.

A couple of weeks later I went to a fracking meeting in Katherine and we were in one of the hot spots to frack.

I have included a map of my property that shows the fault lines.

His name was Tim Munson, Senior Geologist 2014

It is said by some that when the wells are plugged after their use by date, from failing or out of an economical gas supply, this is when gas pressure builds up and the chemicals and gas will find their way out of natural faults, cracks and aquifers because there is no other way out, the pressure has to go somewhere.

Bond money for rehabilitation... no matter how much bond money you have the problem is HOW do you fix a depleted or contaminated aquifer? This is impossible.

Who will be responsible for compensation of livestock; produce injury, damage, contamination or death by the Gas industry or associates?

Who will be responsible for compensation for injury or death to persons on my property e.g. visitor or employ of mine or a visitor or employ of the Gas industry or any mining industry that may come onto my land without my consent or knowledge.

Who will be responsible for compensation of damage to my property by way of contamination of land environment or water or destruction of infrastructure, fire or explosion?

Who will be responsible for compensation of damages to neighbouring property's that come from my property to the neighbour's property by the Gas industry?

Contamination & danger issues do not stop at the boundary fence.

Who will be responsible for compensation of consumers eating or using my contaminated products when they are contaminated by the gas industry and I can't sell my produce?

Who will be responsible for compensation of land values when I can't sell my land because of land & water contamination or water depletion & the industrialization of the land with hundreds of gas wells & associated infrastructure & transport?

Who will be responsible for compensation of any further development on my property if I can't build them where I want to because there is infrastructure belonging to the Gas industry in the way of my development?

Who will be responsible for testing of soil, water & food contamination caused by the Gas industry & how often will these tests happen & do they report to me?

Who will be responsible for compensation if the company goes bankrupt or ceases to exist, who will do the rehabilitation work or compensate me for my losses?

Who is responsible for baseline studies on water, air & soil contamination?

Who will be responsible for compensation when I can't conduct standard management practices because of the gas industry being present?

Who is responsible for weed control erosion control & stock escaping from gates being left open or a grass fire started by the industry?

Who is responsible for a risk management plan & who is responsible to take action on that plan?

Who is responsible for my property insurance as I have been informed by my insurance company that they will not insure me against unconventional gas mining activities ,infrastructure failings or contamination issues .?

How do I know who these people are coming onto my property without consent?

They could be Terrorists for all I know, in fact someone coming onto my property knowingly to poison my land, water, home and environment I would class as a terrorist.

I don't want these people on my property .That's why I live here because I don't want the risks of other people and dangerous infrastructure around me and my family ,I want and need the wide open spaces , fresh air, clean water and environment .

I have approached my insurance company & they have said they will not insure against all the above mentioned or anything else to do with U C gas mining.

A leading environmental insurance specialist, Sydney based Anthony Saunders said the risk of contamination activities by gas companies couldn't be insured EnviroSure, was the only insurance broker to confirm the lack of insurance covering the sector which includes the farmers, explorers & the indigenous land owners.

He said one international insurance broker had made available an insurance policy for gas explorers but the fine print excludes the financial cost to rectify the effects of gradual contamination to the land or aquifers

If the trigger in the policy is any accident the deliberate process of injecting a cocktail of chemicals to extract the gas negates the cover.

Logically if the process of contamination is deliberate there is no cover in the event of pollution.

The gas companies are 100% responsible for that chance & because of that there is no insurer that will cover an event that has a likelihood of certainty.

If there is no cover then why are they licensed to carry out the process?

No issuance company wants to be responsible for a future claim that is likely, he said.

Bearing in mind that this is not like car insurance where you can just go and buy a new one.

This is our water, environment and lives that are on the line here.

Report from the AUSTRALIA INSTATUTE just recently was it states that. Quote.. The methane gas imitations are 170 time higher than the gas industry claims and that the gas industry has been allowed to hoodwink and bully the communities and government into the big LIE that gas is a clean form of energy.

Not to mention the 100s of secret recipes of chemicals being used that have mostly not been tested for their human or environmental impacts .Also the WELL INTEGRITY ISSUE has never been solved and never will be because of a very simple reason, that being cement and steel gas wells will never be able to withstand the trillions and trillions of tons of natural earth movement and rust never sleeps, nor does natural earth movement.

The industry says in their own statement that they except a 6 to 8pc well failure rate while in operation alone...

This means that to extract the 200 trillion tons of gas in the NT it would need 65,000 gas wells...frogtec report...for the CLP government 2013..that means that there would be around 4000 failing wells to start with , just in the production stage .What happens when the industry has moved

on in years to come ..Who or more importantly HOW DO THEY FIX THEM 4 or 5 km underground
..And HOW DO THEY FIX A CONTAMINATED OR DEPLETED AQUIFER..IMPOSABLE...

How can the industry guarantee when fracturing the rock that the fracture will not go further than the desired length and stay localised.

WELL INTEGRITY WILL NEVER STAND THE TEST OF TIME AND NO AMOUNT OF MONEY CAN FIX THAT...There is a saying amongst people living in the gas field that you can't eat or drink gas but it WILL DESTROY THE ENVIRONMENT that feeds you .

A prime example of how fragile the environment and water is to be contaminated is the recent aquifer contamination in Katherine.

This came from a little bit of fire foam on a small piece of land...

How can this massive industrialisation and thousands of wells not contaminated our aquifers.

It is quoted by the gas industry that chemical use is half a per cent of water used.

So let's do the maths on that.

Water use is on average 20 million litres per fracked well.

Half a per cent of chemicals in 20 million litres of water equals 100 thousand litres of chemicals. So for each well there would be 100,000 litres of chemicals, and 20 million litres of fresh water that is now contaminated.

Not just the half a pc that is stated by industry.

A conservative estimate is that the NT would get 10,000 shale gas wells in the Beetaloo Basin. This would mean 1billion litres of pure chemical added to the 200 billion litres of water. Now we have 200 billion ltrs of contaminated water.

If the industry is fully developed to 65,000 wells that would mean a whopping 6.5 billion ltrs of chemicals alone and 1,300,000,000,000 thirteen hundred billion ltrs of fresh water that is now contaminated.

This is only for one frack per well per year,

Most wells get fracked 2 or 3 times a year.

This doesn't include BTEX, the very toxic brew of chemicals that the government and industry say are banned...well be honest about this...these are natural occurring chemicals that come up whether you like it or not.

These figures are ridiculous when you think that we live in the driest continent in the world and most of our aquifers are over used or at capacity already.

Where will this fresh water come from?

In a report for the CLP government last year tabled at the water forum meeting it was said that the recharge rate for our aquifers in the NT is a very dismal 1%...

WE also have a very very thirsty development of the north program about to hit our already strained aquifers; the main purpose of this development is a food bowl for Asia and the north.

How can these industries coexist is beyond me when they are competing for the same scares and most precious resource water.

Where and how will all this contaminated water get treated?

Some of which can't be treated

Many of these chemical additives have not been checked out for the health risks. Some of the chemicals used are Arsenic, Silica's, Barium, Strontium, Acid, Radium 226 boron, nickel, uranium and aluminium.

Plus the natural occurring BTEX chemicals and naturally occurring radioactive materials that come from under the ground with the drilling process whether you like it or not, these chemicals are very dangerous to human health and the environment.

These chemicals cause cancer, disrupt the endocrine system, effect the brain, nervous system, and immune system.

The industry and government repeatedly tell the public that these chemicals are banned.

Stop lying to us.

Many of these SECRET RECIPIES are SECRET .Why is this so...Is this misleading the public and inquiry panel.

I'm not convinced that we have these chemicals under our kitchen sink or in our ice cream like the industry say it is...Stop lying to us.

A resent drilling report submitted to Water resources July 2016 states a new bore within the Pangaea tenement not far from shale gas explorations wells, had to be left for observation due to the smell of gas.

A media report from Dr Barrett of the CSRIO and director of the gas industry Social and Environmental Research Alliance...funded by gas companies and government said .Quote ..While not familiar with the geology of the Sturt plateau; it was common for methane gas to leak from water bores, there are 3 petroleum exploration wells within 55 km of the bore site.

Further afield about 60 to 120 km there is another 5 exploratory wells, 2 of which have been H F.

All 8 wells have been decommissioned plugged and abandoned according to the DPIR.

There is no link between the water bore and exploration gas wells he said.

Both Driller and station owner declined to comment on the issue.

Why would this be if it is a common occurrence?

Were they told not to comment on the issue?

By the sounds of Mr Barrett's comments of being UNFORMILAR with the geology of the sight and referring to the DPIR as saying that the wells were decommissioned, plugged and abandoned.

One would ask if he ever actually went to the sight, or to the other abandoned wells nearby

He also fails to say that one of the abandoned wells is only about 10 km away and that this is limestone country and that caves underground can run for hundreds of kms .

Just like the Tindal aquifer that the umungee and Birdium sites are drilled and fracked in on the Sturt Plateau.

He also doesn't mention that the bore actually caught on fire.

There are also reports from employees and locals that 2 of the wells were faulty and abandoned.

This water bore caught on fire by sparks off the cutting blade while cutting of the casing,

A bore driller associated with the driller of that bore told me that he after 40 years of drilling for water in the north through all sorts of different rocks said that he had never seen gas in limestone or basalt rock before and had never heard of such.

It also brings the question of how come after the thousands of water bores in the NT this has never happened before, only now since the gas industry has come to town.

If only we could get some honesty, transparency, integrity and facts from government and industry.

This also echoes the reports from people in the south living in the gas fields.

I gave contact details to the media of the person who gave me this information and he said that he had nothing to hide and was willing to talk about it .He was never contacted.

Is there a link here between the abandoned test well and exploration wells nearby?

We need to make it clear that U.C. horizontal shale gas fracking has not been happening in the NT or Australia for 40 yrs as APPEA & pro fracking persons continuously refer to, it is only in its experimental stage .

In fact there is only a couple of experimental & exploration wells Australia wide that are not in commercial use it is an untried untested new technology.....I would like to make that very clear to the panel & public.

For a sustainable future we need clean food, water and environment and need to move to renewable energy ASAP.

The 70 pastoralists that have signed a letter to the public, government and industry have agreed to LOCK OUR GATES TO THE GAS INDUSTRY AND ACSESS TO OUR LAND...WE ARE NOT LETTING THIS INDUSTRY OR GOVERNMENT HOODWINK OR BULLY US INTO DISTROYING OUR LAND AND WATER...OUR FAMILY HOMES ARE NOT FOR SALE .

The 70 pastoralists covers a huge proportion of the NTs pastoral leases and mining lease including some of the biggest pastoral operations in the NT and Australia to the family owned stations on farms.

I also have some concerns about the NLC and their independence as they are mostly funded by mining royalties .The nlc is bullying the T Os into fracking on their land, I know this because I have

been asked to attend meetings between them by the T Os and seen it with my own eyes this misinformation and bullying take place.

The T Os are not happy with fracking on their land and have told the NLC that they do not give consent to fracking on their land to the mining companies or the NLC but the NLC is ignoring their concerns and trying to force it onto them .For example ..I went to a meeting at Jilkmingan with the T Os when the NLC came to tell them about exploration activities that were going to take place .The T Os said no to this exploration and didn't want it or any fracking happening on their land .The NLCs lawyer Charlotte Deans told them quote... "There is nothing you can do about it now, it is too late, you have nothing to worry about and royalties will be flowing like the river". What a disgrace...

The NLC wouldn't and still haven't after 18 months shown this alleged agreement to the T Os even after several requests in writing.

This exploration lease was granted to Jacaranda minerals and Hancock prospecting, owned by Gina Rianhart, granted by the Adam Giles government .Adam Giles is now working for Gina.

I have also met with T Os from Arnhem Land, Borrooloola, Tenant Creek, and Wave Hill,

Their stories echo one another on this issue. You will see and hear them when you go to these communities .hopefully they will be there because the land councils have not yet told them of these meetings and dates times and venues have not been finalised properly so people can make arrangements to attend at short notice.

I'm not here to get in the way of progress but this is not progress.

Clean water clean country equals clean food & a clean future.

That's progress for everyone & everything..... guaranteed

This also echo the reports I hear and see from friends living in the gas fields in QLD...very very serious land, air, water, environmental and human health issues.

In QLD darling downs region food bowl there is 4700 hectares of what is described by government as a contamination zone, gas rising through the ground & contaminated water from gas mining in the area

Farmers, graziers and feedlots are using untreated and treated contaminated water to water crops and livestock for human consumption, also feeding the stock with grain and hay that has been irrigated with contaminated water, also grain, fruit and veggies for human consumption without testing for contamination, then selling these products to the open market to the likes of Coles and Woolworths.

According to the QLD government and Origin Energy's own statistics ,over 500 water bores are going to be drawn down or dewatered in the near future due to gas extraction use in the Hope land and Chinchilla shires .Mostly irrigation bores .

IN these same shires they have now the problem of a contamination zone of 4,700 hectares of land where the gas is coming up through the ground.

A contamination zone is an understatement,

IT is a danger zone, the farmers are not allowed to plough the paddocks, naked flames are prohibited and it's even dangerous to drive your vehicle through the site.

This contamination is in the leases of Link Energy and Carbon Energy.

The QGC Kenya water treatment plant pumps the waste water into the Condamine River above the weir where the town of Chinchilla gets their drinking water from.

Origen energy treatment plant pumps there waste water into the Condamine river 10 km downstream from the weir ,this means that all the people ,animals and environment on the Condamine river are all drinking contaminated water from the gas industry ..

The Condamine River is bubbling with methane gas .

IN these same areas, feed lots, farmers and graziers are watering their crops and livestock with contaminated water and treated contaminated water .There produce is being sold for human consumption on the open market without being tested for chemical residue.

These people in these areas have been crying for help for decades & reporting these issues but have been ignored by government & the industry repeatedly, now the problem is irreversible & prime farmland & water is gone indefinitely.

Reading between the lines this tells me that the industry and government has abandoned the people, animals, water and environment for the money that no one gets.

I have friends living in this area that can't even trap rain water of their roof because it is contaminated from chemical soot from flares and waste ponds within hundreds of mtrs away from their houses ,there losing their hair and bleeding from their ears ,eyes and noses .

If it's in their houses it's obviously in the air, water, and environment.

Unfortunately these people can't leave because they can't sell their land and banks won't lend them money as a mortgage on that land to purchase elsewhere, they are stuck in a gas field without help and never gave consent to the industry. No insurance, no life, just mandatory madness.

I hope this don't happen here, what will we do, where do we go to live, where do we get fresh water and clean air and food from, there's no planet B to go to.

If this happened here it would be a crime against humanity and the environment, nothing less.

The science and evidence is there and must be acted on.

PREVENTION IS BETTER THAN CURE and in this case there is no cure.

There is also the serious allegations made against Origen Energy by former employee whistle-blower Sally Mcdow, about criminal behaviour and activities.

Mrs Mcdow claims that serious leaks and contamination went deliberately unreported and basic maintenance was not conducted.

The allegations include gaps in the monitoring equipment which is used to calculate petroleum royalties payable to the QLD government with potential loses of tens of millions of dollars to the tax payer, but was not reported to authorities.

There is also documentation of Santos contaminating an aquifer in N. W NSW in 2014.

Santos was charged and fined by the EPA ...The fine was 1,500 dollars.

The EPA did not release a report on how the contamination occurred.

The chemicals in the contamination were lead, Aluminium, Arsenic, Barium, Boron, Nickel and Uranium 20 times above the level of health guidelines for livestock, irrigation and human consumption.

Two days after the proceedings deputy premier of NSW Andrew Stoner signed a memorandum of understanding with Santos to speed up the project in the Pilliga Forest ,guaranteeing Santos a decision on it future .

This is right on top of the GAB and now 850 wells have been approved.

This is total madness.

Santos have the lease over my property and are at the stroke of a pen on going bankrupt with a dept. of 4.5 billion dollars and rising by the day after budget blow outs like IMPEX for one example.

There is also another case where Origen has deliberately hidden the truth to Mr Rod Dunbar of nutwood downs station near the Umungee site.

In the ground water risk report that Origen has commissioned about fracking test wells on his property.

The report states there is a high risk of serious consequences that exploration drilling enables cross formational flow of shallow aquifers in contravention of the NT Water Act.

These are the very aquifers that Rod relies on for his property and home to survive.

These aquifers are the same recharge aquifers for the Tindal aquifer that provides water for most of the top half of the NT including Katherine Town

This issue was never raised by Origen to Rod in negotiations for an agreement.

This issue was raised by ROD on several occasions but denied by origin.

Origin also won't sign anything to do with contamination issues or insurance but want land owners to sign gag agreements with then not to disclose any of the detrimental issues caused by the industry.

I have documentation on these issues to present to the panel.

The government has made it mandatory for us to sign an agreement with the Gas industry & then abandons us when it comes to guarantees, compensation & financial security so too does the gas industry, all of the above issues are or have been in court in other states & countries so they will be coming to the NT if the Gas industry is allowed to proceed!

This is some comments from one of the world's leading Gas Fracking experts Dr Anthony Elngraffea who has done a report on Shale gas fracking in South Australia for the S.A Government investigation into shale gas fracking December 15th 2015.

This is his summery

The science is now available to show that shale gas fracking is environmentally destructive and this latest scientific study confirms what we already knew, the flow back water (waste water) is a complex brew of toxins which has no safe means of disposal. The new studies investigating the toxic metal BARIUM in fracking waste water finds that the chemical reaction between injected fresh water and the fractured shale gas it's self would play a major role in contamination of water. You have to beat the earth to death to get the gas out of the ground he said. It would be a crime not to take notice of the results of the industry he said

Gas wells integrity is a major concern.

Fracking for shale gas is a serious threat to our water & the risk of ground water aquifers contamination is very high in the production stage and inevitable in time. Gas industries are getting a free ride & self-regulatory is not good & that states engaging would be left holding the bag. If what happened in Texas USA happened here in Australia it would be a disaster & it will happen.

There is no excuse for ignorance; the science is now available to show that shale gas fracking is an environmental disaster waiting to happen, in 20 years 60 pc of wells will fail and in time they all will fail he said.

This is not my opinion...this is the statement made by a world expert in Shale Gas Fracking for the south Australian government,

I wonder if Dr Allen Hawk that done the report for the NT has consulted with Dr Anthony Elngraffea.

Bearing in mind that Mr Hawk has links to selling gas to NSW & SA & would gain from building a pipeline from the NT to QLD collecting royalties at self-regulated prices.

Dr Allan Hawk is on the board of directors for Icon water which is a 50% owner of ActewAGL, a joint venture with Jemena Ltd, seems to be an awfully strange coincidence that Jemena won the bid for the gas pipeline given Mr Hawks position on the gas inquiry & report

One wonders if this had any influence on Mr Hawks report.

The Chinese and Singaporean owned pipeline that Mr Hawke is a director and shareholder in has now been approved,

Is this putting the cart before the horse while a moratorium is in place, the project has been described as a white elephant by some economists?

The Hawke Report 2015 did not directly relate to hydraulic fracturing, rather it provided the government with guidance on how activities with environmental impacts such as H F might be effectively regulated.

One of the concerns in the new petroleum regulations it is easy to get around if the Minister wants to,

The Umungee gas well was fracked after these new regulations were put in place.

One would ask...Were these guidelines followed when granting the Umungee licence to Origen in a rushed effort by the minister 3 days before the NT election last year while in care taker mode ,?

It is unclear who actually granted the licence.

Is this frack site legal?

Does this mean that the inquiry will allow fracking to take place in the NT?

That's just me and some reading between the lines.

Also Dr Tina Hunter who done a report for the CLP government said just last year at the cattleman's AGM meeting that the gas well integrity was a major concern.

Our future is a clean green food & water industry & all other industry will be put at risk from the Gas industry that is renowned for its boom bust cycle approx. 10 years, then what do we do when our water is gone & our wide open spaces that tourists from all over the world come to see turns into an industrial waste land more importantly what do we do?

This is the biggest decision you will ever make on behalf of the NT & Australia, don't rush it.

The science is there to prove that the Gas industry is not sustainable & the irreversible foot prints of environmental destruction is clear around the world but is being blinded by the short term money spin of the Gas industry .

This short term money spin and tax avoidance has been documented and presented to treasurer MR Morrison of late by the ATO ..

For the NT there are very rubbery figures that range from 50 million dollars to 870 million dollars.

This is just industry spin and has never been independently clarified.

In the peak of the Gas mining boom of QLD the government has gone into a further six billion dollar debt & 80% of the gas is going overseas there is a global glut of gas and the government has allowed the industry to sell our gas overseas paying minable taxes and royalties and left our own nation short and paying double that of the international market. The federal government budget has blown out several times in this mining boom period .These issues are well documented of late .we don't need more gas we need investments in clean green renewable energy food n water.

I would advise you to please go to the gas fields in QLD and have a look first hand and see the devastation caused by this industry and be hosted by farmers and people living there ,not the industry reps that have been ignoring them for years and covering up the issues raised by them .

I realise that this is csg but the above ground infrastructure is the same along with water, chemical use and gas well integrity

This is a quote from The Australian institute.

“The economic impacts of QLD’s unconventional gas experiment & the implications for Northern Territory policy makers”

The conclusion was that Gas Company’s routinely exaggerate the economic & jobs benefit of their projects.

Policy makers often accept these claims unquestioningly.

The discussion paper goes on to say that if policy makers in the NT naively accept the economic claims of speculative gas company’s & use tax payers money (tens of millions of dollars) to support this industry Territorians will live with the consequences for decades to come.

The Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association claimed that the oil & gas industry (2013) had created 100,000 new jobs in a single year; the Australian bureau of statistics says that only 9400 jobs were added that year & industries employed 20,700 people in total Australia wide. The oil & gas industry in Australia is over 80% foreign owned which means that over 80% of the profits go directly off shore.

The NT treasurer Nichol Madison has recently said that it would be at least 10 yrs before the NT felt any benefit from the gas investments, even if the moratorium tomorrow.

At the end of the day the reason I support a total ban on fracking rather than tighter regulations is because IF and that’s a big if the industry were capable of operating without any problems what so ever .which is imposible .there would be still be the effects of the industrialisation of our land scape , water use and social impacts ,I for one could not live with people destroying our environment and water yet I wouldn’t be able to sell my land and move ,who would want to live in a gas field ,would you .?

It is said that the government and industry will not guarantee failings of the industry but the panel will try to minimise the risk to an acceptable level...what is an acceptable level.

There is no such thing as an acceptable level of risk when it comes to our land, air, water and environment. The level of risk must be nil and that is imposable.

You can't eat or drink gas, coexistence is a myth and it is not sustainable long term.

We as the intelligent species on earth have to coexist with the earth...not try and make the earth coexist with our lavish life style and live within our needs; this is not sustainable for anyone or anything.

There for I call on a total ban...

Victoria has banned it and so to other countries and states around the world...

They have seen the light and are moving to renewables. Let's follows for a clean green sustainable future for all life on earth...

There is no social licence in the NT for fracking with studies showing that 95pc of people don't want fracking in the NT.

There is no consent from the T Os of this land to frack.

I have been part of the frack free NT surveys and the results are clear...92% of people want a ban on fracking in the NT,

It was a major issue at the last election and I believe that it is the reason the labour government got over the line with record seats...

IT SHOULD NOT BE MANDOTORY TO DESTROY MY OUR LAND

Please don't Frack us,

Water is life; you can't eat or drink GAS!

Money is not worth nothing if we can't live here.

This is my home; we don't have a planet B to go too.

I have attached a couple of reports on this industry that is very worrying

I'm VERY VERY concerned that once we are fracked there's no way back

Our future is in your hands!!

Regards Daniel Tapp & family

BIG RIVER STATION