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Dear Justice Rachel Pepper

I would like to write this submission to view my opposition to hydraulic fracturing here in the Northern Territory

I moved to Alice Springs 13 years ago now from the beautiful country side in central Canterbury in New Zealand, I grew up fishing and swimming and playing with my brother and sister in the Temuka river just down the road from home most weekends where spent down there even some times the whole family, the water was a big part of my child hood,

I took my daughters [REDACTED] back there this New Year to visit family and to show them where I grew up and use to play as a kid.

On arriving at the entrance to the river a big red sign nailed to a post stating that the water quality is no longer safe, NO Fishing, Swimming or even walking a dog the river is unsafe and now polluted all because famers now all over Canterbury have installed the largest irrigation systems anywhere in the world most paddocks have a central or lateral pivot irrigator that runs 24h 3 to 4 times a week draining the rivers and ground water to almost the same levels as the water ways around here, which in turn has stopped the flushing of Herbicides, Pesticides and toxins that have built up in the river systems from generations of agricultural spraying in that area and now the government is spending millions of dollars trying to fix a problem that's become to big to fix some river systems have an estimated 20 years before it will return to the way it was when I was a kid (only 30 years ago).

I can see the same path and damage for the Northern Territory Government if they introduce Hydraulic Fracturing to occur.

Hydraulic fracturing is a horrendous invasive practice that is completely unsafe as demonstrated for years in the United States and just recently in Queensland and I'm afraid if its to be aloud here in the Northern Territory because of the isolation and huge remote areas any accidents, spills, leaks or contaminations will take months, years or will never be reported or discovered causing more devastation on this beautiful country side, most people love living here, its an incredibly surreal place and has a magic all of its own that doesn't need this kind of industry.

I'm a small business owner of the only health food store here in Alice Springs, We employ around 12 people, My partner and I have a love and fondness for this place we both work

hard to give people healthy life styles. But we have both agreed that we could no longer live here if Hydraulic fracturing was to go ahead here, Witch would mean the closure of an important part of Alice Springs Community.

Yes I agree that gas is important but we already produce an abundant amount and the bulk of it is shipped overseas at a hugely discounted rate.

If worse came to worse and this practice is aloud then Farmers should have the right to refuse a petrolatum company setting foot on there land, I have meet with Lucy Creeks station owner and they told me that they where left with a huge expensive mess to clean up after 3 unsuccessful fracking wells drilled on there property, these companies have no morals, there only after the big money to keep there share holders happy and I wish more of there dealing where made public so people could understand the slimy way these companies do business and get round the red tape (witch usually involves large sums of money).

Please do your best to make a stop to the potential of Hydraulic Fracturing here in the Northern Territory.

Thank you for your Time and I'm sure you will make the right decision.

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