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Dear Scientific Inquiry,

After reviewing a great deal of the available literature on the subject of Fracking, along with reading a few of the other inquiry reports, including the very thorough Western Australia final report on Fracking - I believe that the most important question going forward for the Territory's Inquiry is the following question.

"Who does fracking hurt and who does fracking help?"

I now believe that the number of Territory residents that fracking will hurt or inconvenience is a very small number, especially if we follow Michael Gunner and the Labor Party's second position - which is "only allow fracking in highly regulated tightly prescribed areas".

However, the number of residents in the Territory that fracking could help directly appears to be the 1000's - with probably 10's of 1000's helped indirectly and all Territorians helped via the potential for very significant royalties over the coming decades. The evidence seems to prove quite clearly that if the regulations are strong and the process of fracking is remote and very thoroughly monitored - it has been proven to be a safe and reliable way to extract shale gas. The discovery of vast shale gas reserves in the Beetaloo Basin by Origin would seem to be a one of the very tightly prescribed areas that Michael Gunner was alluding to in option #2 - due the remoteness and very limited population of that area.

The CEO for Origin made a very important speech yesterday that has some merit in the value of additional gas supplies being a very strong key for balancing a new energy market that integrates solar, wind and other renewables with variable gas for intermittent electrical supply as required. There is a link below to that speech.

Best regards,
Paul Brant

<https://www.originenergy.com.au/about/investors-media/reports-and-results/meeting-the-challenges-of-a-transitioning-energy-sector.html>

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Community Update #5

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The independent Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing of onshore unconventional reservoirs in the Northern Territory commences its hearings and community meetings schedule across the Territory today.

Hearings will be held in Alice Springs this morning while a community meeting is scheduled for this evening, with similar events to occur this week in Tennant Creek, Katherine and Darwin.

The Inquiry Chair, Justice Rachel Pepper, said the hearings are an opportunity for a range of stakeholders and members of the community to present their views on hydraulic fracturing of shale and to provide comment on the issues and risks identified in the Inquiry's Background and Issues Paper.

"Today the Inquiry commences a week of hearings and community meetings in Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Darwin," Justice Pepper said.

"The Inquiry is seeking feedback on the issues and risks identified in our Background and Issues Paper, which will form the basis of the Inquiry's work going forward.

"The Hearings are also a formal opportunity for members of the public, environmental groups, the gas industry and other interested persons and organisations to make an evidence based submission to the Inquiry regarding

onshore hydraulic fracturing of shale."

Justice Pepper said the hearings will be streamed live on the Inquiry's website and members of the public can also attend in person to watch and listen to the proceedings.

"The Inquiry has received a large number of registrations from interested parties to present at the hearings. There will be further opportunities mid year when additional hearings are held following the release of the Interim Report," Justice Pepper said.

"There has also been significant interest from people who want to attend our community meetings to find out more about the Inquiry.

"At these community meetings I will be outlining the role and work program of the Inquiry and there will be a presentation explaining the process of onshore hydraulic fracturing of unconventional shale reservoirs.

"The Inquiry will also seek feedback from those attending the community meetings on the risks and issues identified in the Background and Issues Paper, with each panel member conducting this discussion in small groups."

Justice Pepper said people unable to make the hearings or community meetings this week still had many opportunities to express their view.

"Anyone can write or email the Inquiry with their views or submit a feedback form via the 'have your say' page on the Inquiry's website," Justice Pepper said.

"This week is the first round of consultations by the Inquiry, focusing on the content of the Background and Issues Paper. But anyone can submit a feedback form or lodge a submission with the Inquiry at any time.

"The Inquiry will be holding further hearings and consultations around the middle of this year, once we release the Interim Report.

"Comment on the Background and Issues Paper closes on 30 April 2017, but the Inquiry welcomes specific submissions and comment on hydraulic fracturing of shale, relevant to the Inquiry's Terms of Reference at any time."

Live streaming of the hearings and the schedule of appearances is accessible at www.frackinginquiry.nt.gov.au

Monday 6 March 2017 – Alice Springs Convention Centre from 9am

Tuesday 7 March 2017 – Tennant Creek Training Centre from 11am

Wednesday 8 March 2017 – Knotts Crossing Restaurant Katherine from 7.45am

Friday 10 March 2017 – Darwin Convention Centre from 8am

The Inquiry will also be undertaking regional and community consultation from 20 to 29 March 2017, with venues and times available on the Inquiry's website.

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