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To: [fracking inquiry](#)
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> Dear Panel.

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> My name is Gabby Watson-Scotty and this is my submission.

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> Risk Theme: Impacts on Aboriginal people and their culture

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> My name is Gabby and I'm from Alice Springs NT. I grew up in Yuendumu. I speak Walpiri and Pitjatjantjarra.

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> When I was growing up I was hearing from my Elders that we get bush tucker from plants and animals and that's how we survive.

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> It's up to Elders to decide what happens on the land here. Our Elders need help to get more educations and information, as shale gas fracking is a new industry for them. Elders need to have a get together meeting where they can listen to what our thoughts are and learn more about this industry, see what this industry involves.

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> Our lives and our health, our dreaming and our knowledge is our culture. I wanted to write to the fracking inquiry because I'm interested in learning more about fracking and I'm afraid and upset because I'm worried about country and our future if fracking goes ahead.

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> Water keeps us all alive. I've seen photos of where fracking has polluted water. I don't want that on my country.

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> There are sacred sites that the landowners don't want to see destroyed. We need them to be left alone, culturally there is rainbow serpent on that land, in that land. Fracking could make that cultural land very angry.

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> Killing the plants and animals from the poison chemicals they use to put into the earth – those animals rely on the earth to grow – it's beautiful. Seeing the land and mother nature like that, gives me a relaxing vibe.

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> We want to be able to walk on the land with pride and joy and love, not seeing the waste dumped there, it makes us sad and sick. We don't want to lose the elders to pass on their message to the next generation and so on.

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> Gas makes you sick, it's not good to have in your body.

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> We just have to stand up and be strong for our land.

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> Please be in touch with me if you want to ask any questions: [REDACTED]

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