

Dear Northern Territory Chief Minister Michael Gunner

Please consider this as a submission to the Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory (including the Northern Gas Pipeline):

We are writing to let you know of the widespread community support in Victoria for the community movement **against** onshore gas developments and **against** the northern gas pipeline in the Territory. Having actively participated in the Lock the Gate campaign in Victoria we appreciate the concerns that the Northern Territory Community campaign has. We also understand that Territorians, like us, will never give up until they too have a Territory wide ban on the onshore gas industry, hydraulic fracturing and the Northern Gas Pipeline.

To achieve this Victorians will stand strong with our fellow Territorians until Northern Territory political representatives and the government accept that there is NO SOCIAL LICENCE for this industry, that the well documented risks associated with this industry and the impacts of this industry on people's health, jobs, lifestyle, water quality and quantity, soil health, air quality, livestock health, food sector, hospitality and tourism, fauna and flora etc. far outweigh the benefits, that this industry will only add to climate change impacts and that there is a better way to secure Territorian/Australian energy requirements.

It is now proven that Renewable energy is the cheapest way to secure our energy supplies, at cheaper supply prices to all users and does not have the associated concerns, risks and impacts of an onshore gas industry or pipeline. It is also now proven that there is no gas shortage in Australia.

Australia is about to become the world's biggest exporter of gas. Creating an export gas market to achieve parity with world prices has created this "market" problem where Australians cannot secure their own supplies before export. This is socially irresponsible behaviour by the gas industry and neglect by our governments.

We therefore call on you and your government to introduce comprehensive BAN legislation for this industry (as has Victoria) in response to community concerns and your inquiry. We also call on you to develop a Climate Change Framework, Renewable Energy Target and Adaptation Plan (as has Victoria) in response. This will signal a clear direction for the Territory, allay community concerns, drive investment in renewable energy, hospitality, tourism, agriculture and associated sectors while securing energy supplies and costs.

Yours sincerely

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