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To: [fracking inquiry](#)
Subject: Have your say. I support hydraulic fracturing.
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Dear Panel.

I am writing to you in support of hydraulic fracturing of tenements in areas of the Northern Territory. I realise that you are likely overwhelmed with protestors against this controversial practice, but I believe that reputable studies by valid reviews, using scientific approaches, have deemed the practice safe as long as good regulations are complied with.

With such noteworthy reviewers as the Chief Scientist of NSW, CSIRO and several other scientific major reviews conducted already stating that risks can be manageable, I'm rather worried that the scores of protestors pronouncing their unscientific views against hydraulic fracturing may be counted more as political votes counted by governments. I can only imagine that the Facebook pages are full of these, all requesting friends and family to get behind their green image without consideration that the practice has actually been proven safe.

As long as there is any doubt in peoples minds that there are risks, they will likely vote against unconventional gas, despite learned views attempting to rationalise it.

I truly hope that your enquiry will at least address some of these undecided persons concerns. Please don't go down the same paths as us in Victoria and of some of the other states.

Thanks and regards,

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