

Letter to

NT Fracking Inquiry Chair Justice Rachel Pepper

We've been hearing a lot in the media and from the Northern Territory Government about the potential for shale gas fracking in the Beetaloo Sub-Basin near Elliot. But we are appalled to hear that local communities who want to protect their lands and waters in that region are being ignored.

Land and waterways in the Elliot region are blanketed with permits for fracking gasfields. Consulting the local community about the future of their region should be a priority for the NT Fracking Inquiry.

The NT Government set up a Fracking Inquiry to hear local people and Traditional Owners' views on proposals to frack across the Northern Territory, yet we're half-way through the Inquiry and the people living in the Elliot region in the middle of all this proposed fracking activity have so far been ignored.

For this to be considered a genuine Inquiry and community consultation the Inquiry panel must give people in the Elliot region a chance to have their say on the future of their land, communities and water.

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Please take action as soon as possible to schedule a visit to the community of Elliot and hear from local people as part of the NT Fracking Inquiry.

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Don't frack our Homelands



"Everyone is talking about our land, but noone is talking to us. We want the Government to come out to Elliot and consult with us directly. This is about our future. We don't want fracking to destroy that."

My name is Eleanor Dixon, a Mudburra/Garawa woman from Marlinja community near Elliot in the middle of the Northern Territory.

The Northern Territory Government and the fracking industry have blanketed our land and waterways with permits for fracking gasfields. They call this region the Beetaloo sub-Basin and a fracked gas bonanza, but we call it home.

The Government says it is running an independent inquiry into fracking across the NT, but despite all the talk about the Beetaloo region so far they haven't even consulted with us, the people of this country. They haven't come and asked us about the plans they are making behind our backs. We should be the first to be notified about the things happening on our country.

The water systems on our country has been here for millions of years. We look back to our water system, our songlines. The Government needs to know this water is not just for us, it's for plants, birds, bush medicines, bush tucker, we pass that knowledge down over generations.

We don't need fracking to put all that at risk. Everything that belongs below this earth is sacred and we are the ones with responsibility to talk about it.

In the face of plans for fracking gasfields across our country and waterways, we have to support one another.

That's why we're asking for your support to petition the NT Fracking Inquiry to take the first step and come out to Elliot to hear directly from our people of this area. This is our land, and our voices must be heard.

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