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Dear Hon Justice Pepper,

I would like to raise my concerns about the very clear conflict of interest and consequently confusing choice of appointing ACIL Allen to provide the economic report to the NT Fracking Inquiry. It is common knowledge that ACIL Allen's firm has a long list of mining and gas companies as clients. How does this make them impartial in this situation? And how are we as Territorians expected to believe the process of this inquiry is just and with the best interests of every Territorian in mind?

We have very strict processes in most workplaces around 'conflict of interest' and our justice system is a clear example of this with jury being rejected for even the most tenuous association. Is it not blatantly obvious that appointing this firm is a great conflict of interest that does nothing to instill confidence in a process that is being touted as independent and impartial?


The Inquiry Panel needs an independent advisory committee of economists and NT community stakeholders to cross check model assumptions. This will be critical for ensuring the interests (economic, cultural and essential resources such as water) are factored in fairly for Aboriginal people of this area, pastoralists, tourism operators and other key stakeholders.

The public needs access to any reports and correspondence that makes up this Inquiry, which includes the ACIL Allen draft report. They need the opportunity to scrutinise and provide feedback on any of the processes or findings.

Please consider, as the integrity of this process is being closely watched.

With concern,

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