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Hi my name is Glenys Somers my husband and I own *
The Bittersprings Cabins and Camping at Mataranka NT

We have owned since 2010 and have invested all of our savings in to the property and business [a lot]

We rely on tourism for our income and two other caravan park in town do so. As well as other business in Mataranka. *

Other business in town would be Northern Cement three fuel stations supermarket and mango farm one of the biggest in NT and two watermelon farmers also are very large and a lot of large cattle stations in the area so we have a lot to lose if it all goes bad which it can.

All are based around two springs Rainbow and Bittersprings and the Tindal basin water supply and without them we are all out of work and all the other people in the area are affected too.

If the springs stopped flowing. The town would die as we all really on the water in the Springs, River, Ground water to survive as it is one and the same.

If the ground water and the springs are affected in the area it also will have an affect on the whole of the Roper

river system which is one of the main systems in the Northern Territory and the resulting problems are to numerous to mention at the moment all you need to do is think about it [prawns, fish, farming, tourism, public health, etc, etc.]

All the water goes out to The Gulf and goes on & on &
Tourism in Northern Territory brings about 2.4 Billion Dollars and growing each year. *How much does the Government get from Gas ~~and~~ Industry in real figures*
When the gas companies come in to an area they don't care about what is going to happen later down the track as they have got what they want and we have the mess to clean up later and the bill that goes with it.

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It happened with Western Dessert just down on the Roper River area and they went brock *and left* and left a hell of a mess for the people to pay to fix it up again as many other site though out the territory

If you put a value on gas or drinking water the drinking water is worth a lot more as there is only about 5% on the planet and without clean drinking water all the gas makes no differents.

As most of the water on our planet is salt water it will cost a lot of money to replace our fresh drinking water. With all desolation plants around the country cost too

much to run all the time. As from the recent drought that Australia had.

If you drill a hole in anything it will leak over time as nothing lasts for ever and I would like my children and their children to enjoy this area as we have!

What gives the government the right to let others come onto your land and do what they like and you can't do anything about it. The government is supposed to be employed by the people for the people. We pay their wages not the mining industry

Health risks involved with toxic gas and other chemicals in the air and the ground at any time and once again the gas companies have gone, not to be seen again as they have got their money or gone bust again!

Just look at the Gas Industry history around the world to date.

One mistake or one accident is too many.

History just keeps repeating itself over and over when money is involved government and big business you can't trust them at all. Have you all forgotten about who pays for it in the end? All of us.