

Fracking Inquiry

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THE SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY INTO
HYDRAULIC FRACTURING
IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY



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I am totally opposed to Hydraulic Fracturing in The Northern Territory.

- Firstly if the only matter thought to be important is economic advantage for the Northern Territory and Australia this is already shown to be incorrect.

World gas prices collapsed at around the same as the Gladstone gas plant began to export CSG. Consequently a much greater volume is needed to compensate for low prices.

Employment in the oil and gas industry accounts for less than 1% of the Australian workforce. For example more people work at Bunnings than in the whole oil and gas industry combined.

- Experience in all the unconventional gas mines around the world including those in Australia has proven them to cause pollution with serious effects on human health, substantial emissions of methane, CO₂, other greenhouse gases and toxic chemicals to the surrounding environment including water, soil and air. Vast areas of farming land and natural land have been devastated and in spite of the mining companies' assurances have not been rehabilitated.

Both in the US, Australia and all other places around the world where CSG drilling takes place methane is being emitted from places like tap water and river water. There is footage of Americans setting fire to tap water. In Australia a video shows NSW state MP Jeremy Buckingham setting the Condamine river alight. The gas industry can't deny that gas is leaking up all over the world where mines are located.

- The Indigenous people of Borroloola and many other communities of the NT where mining is proposed are completely against the destruction of their homeland. As for all other communities located near If CSG mining were to go ahead any hope for a future on their country with a healthy environment including, for example, possible involvement in the tourism industry, would be lost.

- Climate change is the most urgent, important concern of our time and continued Fracking will cause massive increases in the emission of greenhouse gasses especially the most toxic of all, methane.

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