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To: <u>fracking inquiry</u>
Subject: Community Consultation

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this email to have my say in the community consultation on hydraulic fracturing in NT. To put it simply, fracking is completely unnecessary, and not only that it is going to be so damaging to country and communities in the NT. To put our aquifers in danger of being toxified, is crazy. Especially when renewable energy is a more economically viable and sustainable choice. The fact that so much of the ground underneath the topsoil is made of limestone as well, is just another reason why it shouldn't occur. Limestone is a relatively fragile and porous rock, and fracking happening will allow for easy transfer of toxins into aquifers. Communities all over the NT have very clearly stated that they do not want fracking. The environmental damage is just not worth it. There are better options for energy and jobs if government and institutions are willing to innovate and think outside of extraction and invest in renewables and growing other industries.

Government and institution, try harder, think outside the box.

Permanent and whole ban on fracking is the right choice.

Investment in widespread renewable energy development is the right choice.

Grow new sectors and industries.

Regards, Will