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Dear Justice Pepper

I support the further development of onshore Oil and Gas projects as the extraction practice at the centre of the inquiry has been in use in the NT for the past 40 years.

It seems that the practice at the centre of the Inquiry can be undertaken with the appropriate safeguards in place and this has already been established, right here in the NT.

It is of great concern to me that negative terminology and 'peripheral noise' around the issue are putting forward a distracting and confusing message to the General Public. The consequence of this, is that we will miss an opportunity to grow the NT Economy when we really need it. Our Economy is weak.

I own a small wholesale distribution business based here in Darwin am 100% indigenous owned and operated, supplying businesses in every state and Territory. I currently supply businesses in the Oil and Gas Industries and would like to continue this.

Every Friday at my business, I have been running a clearance sale of my excess stock and I ask 95% of customers who they are, what do they do for work and are they busy. I can tell you, at least 80% of these everyday Territorians are doing it tough. Yes there are patches of the economy that are busy but all are looking at what is going to be the next impetus for driving our economy forward. Everyone is either battenning down the hatches as they see very tough times ahead or are leaving Darwin.

Thank you for considering this submission

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