

## fracking inquiry

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Hydraulic Fracturing Taskforce  
Please find below my thoughts on this matter;

How can anyone consider fracking as being safe, risk manageable, etc?

Drinking water is already dearer than petroleum products.

Without water all life is dead! Even if crops grow to fruition the chemicals are in the plants/ fruits, then on down the food chain.

To say that wells will be monitored .... when you find a fault it is already too late, the horse has bolted long ago.

No previous govt., nor their bureaucracy have ever controlled drilling and mining satisfactorily.

Despite having "best practice guidelines", there are only "toothless" inspectors, (if there is more than one?).

Even if found guilty of misconduct, paying a fine does not fix or "make good" the problem. Probably a cheaper option than repairing the damage.

The same goes for exploration/mining. Rehab/monitoring is only a matter of 'ticking the boxes', covering arses, not achieving good outcomes.

Santos would have had a spring clean before the panel "inspected", activities limited while the panel were there, commercial confidentiality means they don't even have to tell you what they're using, yet you think it can be risk managed?

I have worked on exploration, mining and on drill sites, I have seen what goes on.

I would ask the enquiry panel, the Chief Minister, the Mining Minister, the Minister for Agriculture and the Environment Minister, to come on a tour of existing wells/ exploration, some drilled by govt, some by contractors to the govt, some by companies, all for a variety of purposes, all drilled under same? guidelines, very little if anything has been done to correct these situations, the powers that be have a lot of catching up to do, before they consider unleashing something far worse on our future.

There are wells that have casing collapsing, no casing ever. Just because drill records show casing records, does not guarantee that that is what is down the hole.

Dodgy construction, going back to the 60s and right up to recent years, nothing has changed, nothing is being done to correct the legacy of the past, and yet we the people are supposed to trust govts, mining companies etc, that they are doing the right thing, despite past actions or lack of, only thing that's happening is destruction of sustainable life giving industries, just to make a quick dollar.

Both the govt, its employees, consultants, exploration and mining companies, all have an escape, with no responsibility for their disasters they leave behind!

The Alice Springs to Darwin rail has many examples of shortcuts, most of which can be seen, worst practice, signed off on and no responsibility to correct them.

Is this what you are happy to leave to those you leave behind?

How can you say you care for your children?

Sincerely

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