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To: <u>fracking inquiry</u>
Subject: Draft Final Report

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Hello, I have read the draft final report from the Independent Scientific Inquiry in Hydraulic Fracturing, etc., and commend the good work done by the team. It addresses the many concerns and risks, perceived or real, and the recommendations are founded on solid facts and are well presented. I hope this will settle the nerves of the many Territorians that have been subject to years of scary stories and general fear-mongering on the part of anti-fossil fuel activists. If this information is well distributed in the public space, the majority of reasonable people would not object to the practice of horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing in the NT. There is an energy "revolution" taking place in the USA and other countries because of the perfection of horizontal drilling combined with "fracking". Energy prices have dropped and the USA has become an energy exporter for the first time in over 40 years. The middle east no longer controls the price of energy. With the oversight, controls, and best practices recommended in the draft final report, we can allow 'fracking' and enjoy economic boom times that will result and transform the Northern Territory. Let the drilling begin! Sincerely Ray Baney