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To the members of the Fracking Inquiry.

I wish to state my strong disapproval to the establishment of the Fracking Industry in the Territory. We do not want our ground water polluted, animals and birds killed by the chemicals that are brought back up and kept in toxic Ponds. The surface of the land ruined for cattle and farming and aboriginal people who still care and love their country. The tourism industry will be destroyed by this industrialisation of our land and natural environment. The government should be ashamed of themselves putting our water supply at risk. We know that despite all their protestations of regulations, the Territory has none and it would be too expensive to police. Look what has happened in Katherine and the McArthur River where they diverted the river. People used to go to Borroloola from Alice every year to fish in a pristine river now it's full of heavy metals. Katherine is full of contamination from the fire fighting foam as is Rapid Creek in Darwin. The Northern Territory is not dead land as Gina Rinehart seems to think and she does not own this country nor do the Chinese with their gas pipeline. The Prime Minister seems to think he can punish the NT Govt. for not Fracking by cutting our GST well that strategy is very transparent and undemocratic and unethical. Yuendumu has about 6 years of water left and Yulumu has run out already, how many other aboriginal communities are going to lose their ground water and cattle stations as well. Alice Springs doesn't have much water left in the Bores just South of Alice and if they ruin the ground water further south we will have none. I admire what Victoria and France and Germany have done which is to ban Fracking. It seems not many of the leaders in our Community have the true grit to do what is right for the NT Community and stand up to the bullies from the East Coast who do not respect this land or its people.

Yours sincerely, Margaret McHugh

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