

# SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY INTO HYDRAULIC FRACTURING IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY



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Dear Ms Hogan

## **RE: APOLOGY TO INQUIRY AND ORIGIN**

I refer to your letter, on behalf of Lock the Gate Alliance (**Lock the Gate**), to the *Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing of Unconventional Reservoirs in the Northern Territory* (**the Inquiry**), received yesterday at approximately 1.30pm.

The Inquiry notes and accepts your apology. It is assumed that you have also, as is appropriate, apologised to Origin Energy (**Origin**) directly. Please let me know if this is not the case.

The merits of “the issue” that you allude to in your letter has, in the Inquiry’s view, been satisfactorily dealt with by Origin in Dr David Close’s further oral submission to the Inquiry in Darwin on 6 February 2018. The transcript of Dr Close’s submission will be available to read on the Inquiry’s website early this week.

Please be assured that the diagram provided to the Inquiry on 25 May 2017 will be included in the Final Report, together with an explanation of what it depicts and its implications.

Again, in the interests of transparency, your letter and this reply will be treated as a submission and uploaded to the Inquiry’s website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rachel Pepper', with several horizontal strokes extending to the right.

THE HON JUSTICE RACHEL PEPPER  
Chair  
13 February 2018