

~~No tracking~~

My name is Andrea Finn
and I am appearing on my
own behalf.

I am a concerned citizen.

These are my
~~concerns,~~

I want to thank the inquiry for allowing me
to voice my concerns.

- Regulation, who specifically will regulate,

(is this Government, self regulation or will there be a ~~private~~ ^{totally}
~~group with no ties to either~~). ^{independant} group.

**who will check for spills and how often, will there be notice
of inspection, ~~nothing less than monthly would be acceptable.~~**
^{or random unannounced inspections}

(example SANTOS in NSW was only found out because of a
whistle blower dobbed them in, ~~the polluted aquifers on more~~
^{this was more than} ~~than~~ one occasion ~~with uranium 20x higher than acceptable~~
limits)

**How will spills be handled, How will storage be done will
it be on ponds.**
(where will contaminated waste go, who and how will it be
treated). How will it be stored.

**who will check for methane leakage and how often, this
needs to be highly monitored**

(why are people not allowed near these wells, why are you
threatened with legal action, ^{if you go there} why are you not allowed ^{to see}
on site ^{what} with a staff member, what are they hiding)

**If these chemicals are in collection ponds how do you make it
safe,**

(plastic liners tear, they have and always will, how do you
prevent rain from making ponds overflow, even in the centre of
australia we get heavy rain, our last monsoon is a prime
example, cyclones even Alice Springs has been flooded. How
will you stop dams overflowing, how exactly will you clean up
the mess.

How will you chase these companies that hide offshore, hide behind shelf companies? *Who will pay for the damage.*

Worried about potential
Misleading advertising by APPEA,

(How many actual permanent jobs will be available once the drilling has stopped. How will effect cattle stations and tourism

, how will it effect our exports, how many jobs will be lost as a
FRACKING IS
because of the direct impact of fracking, ~~its~~ not just the wells

it's the roads, it's the dams it's the work sites, ~~this all destroys~~
or makes land unworkable. ~~its~~ the vehicles, the people

ASan
current add on TV declines to give
unknown
(example ~~Ad on TV~~, Greg surname ~~unknown~~, apparently is the

owner of Tarlee Station, he states that he is an

environmentalist and has no fear of fracking, he says he

wouldn't put his family at risk and would never harm the

environment, he has no fear of contamination, he fails to

mention that his property, Tarlee is for sale, ~~it is so~~ great why
is he selling ~~out now~~.) *has*

- **Hydraulic fracturing is linked to increase in earthquakes and tremors, how will this be managed**

(Tenant Creek area is already a hotspot for earth tremors, what will be done if a well is damaged, how will you fix it, how will you even know until it is to late)

To anyone who thinks Hydraulic Fracturing is a good thing, ~~I suggest you put your money where your mouth is.~~

I am personally affected by aquifer contamination, I own 35 acres in Katherine, I purchased this land as a retirement block.

My
~~Only~~ *have is* problem. ~~the~~ Tindal Aquifer is contaminated with PFAS, my land is now considered worthless. I have at my own

expense purchased 3 x 25,000 litre water tanks to collect rain water so I can rent my property out and I can as a duty of care ~~to a~~ *tenant*

~~provide safe water for a tenant.~~ Now I am told the PFAS is in

the dust and any dust on my roof ^{is now in my} ~~will go into the~~ tanks and ^{potentially} contaminated them. So now what, I have the right to pay my mortgage, I have the right to pay rates. The open and transparent system is nothing more than smoke and mirrors, Government and Defence have a problem they have absolutely no idea how to fix. This is nothing compared to the horrors of fracking fluid ~~in our water~~ ^{contaminating our aquifers}. The Defence and the Government have not been open and transparent, I ^{had to find} ~~found more~~ information ^{myself} from Dep Health NSW and QLD. Such as do not eat meat or drink milk from your property, do not eat eggs, drink the water or eat any fruit of vegetables in particular green leafy vegetables, do not eat fish or shellfish from contaminated areas. In Europe they have linked PFAS with liver problems, cancers, birth defects and hyperthyroidism and a list of other health problems but because none of this has been 100% proven we are told don't worry. If they cannot tell us the truth about PFAS are they going to tell us the truth about fracking, sorry but I very much doubt it. Do I trust our, **NO**

~~Our~~ Government promised us an ICAC at the last election to look into the behaviour of the CLP, ^{they} now we are told that they won't do it because it isn't in the best interest of Territorians, why, what are they hiding.

Lets look at some of the history of the Northern Territory MacArthur River Mine – ~~pollution from the mine, people shouldn't eat large amounts of fish from the river~~
Mt Todd Gold Mine left with high levels of heavy metals – water escaped from the dam ~~and releasing water into the river that finds its way to Daly River, again do not consume large quantities of certain species of fish.~~

Katherine, PFAS do not eat or limit consumption of fish. ^{From}
^{the river}

Knowing these things how can we trust
risks ~~gas companies~~ making.

I fear for the future that we will be leaving our children and our
children's children. I fear for the one thing we cannot live
without **water**