Dear Inquiry Chair

I was shocked to learn that a qualified social/cultural impact assessment consultant was not engaged by the Inquiry for this task. I have completed a number of SIA in the NT, and in fact pioneered SIA in the NT during the 1980s (eg. Coronation Hill social/cultural impact assessment, verifying the Mereenie Darwin gas pipeline sacred site clearances, and the Watarrka NP loop road EIA).

Why a sub-consultancy unqualified in this work, would be asked to do it is astonishing, when there are so many qualified, objective, and independent SIA practitioners are available (ie as sub-contractors to Coffey).

I only write to suggest that a panel of SIA experts should in fact be making selections of this kind, for a suitably qualified sub-consultant.

Respectful regards,

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