

# SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY INTO HYDRAULIC FRACTURING IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY



Hancock Prospecting  
Submission #474

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Dear Mr Korte

## **RE: HYDRAULIC FRACTURING INQUIRY – INFORMATION REQUEST**

Thank you for Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd's (**Hancock**) submission to the *Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing of Unconventional Reservoirs in the Northern Territory (the Inquiry)*, dated 6 September 2017.

The Inquiry which was established by the Northern Territory Government under the *Inquiries Act 1945 (NT)* in late 2016 to investigate the impacts and risks of hydraulic fracturing of onshore shale gas reservoirs and associated activities on the environmental, social, economic and cultural conditions in the Northern Territory.

To further assist the Inquiry process, I would like to request the following in regards to Hancock's submission:

1. Detail the scientific rationale or method in voluntarily determining the distance for buffers in response to community concerns regarding EP154, specifically (as stated on pages 1 and 2):
  - a) the approximate 25km buffer within EP 154 from the Mataranka Hot Springs and the Roper River; and
  - b) the approximate 15km buffer between the edge of Elsey National Park and EP154.
2. Provide evidence in regards to the statement on page 5 of the submission regarding:

*“Hancock has a proven track record of conducting exploration and mining throughout Australia with no significant environmental incidents and in compliance with all regulatory requirements.”*

In order to meet reporting deadlines, please provide your response by **Wednesday 27 September 2017**. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping, sweeping strokes that form a cursive, somewhat abstract shape.

THE HON JUSTICE RACHEL PEPPER  
Chair

20 September 2017