

# SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY INTO HYDRAULIC FRACTURING IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY



Eleanor Dixon  
Submission #301

Ms Eleanor Dixon  
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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms Dixon

## RE: SUBMISSION TO THE SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY INTO HYDRAULIC FRACTURING

I refer to the *Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing of Unconventional Reservoirs in the Northern Territory* (the **Inquiry**) established by the Northern Territory Government under the *Inquiries Act* (NT) in late 2016 to investigate the environmental, social, economic and cultural impacts and risks of hydraulic fracturing and associated activities of shale gas reservoirs.

Thank you for letter and submission to the Inquiry dated 6 July 2017. I respond as follows.

First, your submission is currently being uploaded to the Inquiry's website. Second, with respect to your request that the Inquiry visit Elliott, this has already occurred. The Inquiry held a community meeting in Elliott on 4 July 2017. Approximately 30 people attended. The Inquiry will visit Elliott again sometime between 22 August and 1 September 2017, for a further round of consultation following the release of the Interim Report (next week). Precise details of the date and time of this meeting will be released very soon. Please check the Inquiry website; <https://frackinginquiry.nt.gov.au> for further information.

Finally, in relation to the change.org petition, please note that the decision to keep or lift the moratorium rests with the Government and not the Inquiry. The Inquiry cannot and will not make a recommendation to this effect. Rather, the role of the Inquiry is to scientifically assess the identified risks associated with any hydraulic fracturing of on-shore shale gas reserves in the Territory and to make appropriate recommendations as to whether, and how, those risks can be mitigated to an acceptable level.

I look forward to meeting you when the Inquiry is next in Elliott towards the end of August.

Yours sincerely

THE HON JUSTICE RACHEL PEPPER

Chair

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