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Dr Allan Hawke AC
The Commissioner
Hydraulic Fracturing Inquiry
c/- GPO Box 4204,
Darwin NT 0801

Dear Commissioner,

Santos welcomes the opportunity to provide the following submission to the Northern Territory Government's Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing. This document details our position on current and future hydraulic fracturing for hydrocarbons in the Northern Territory.

As one of Australia's principal producers of natural gas to the domestic market, with the largest exploration and production acreage position in Australia, we have developed major oil and liquids businesses throughout Australia, operating in all mainland Australian states and the Northern Territory. This has given us significant experience and knowledge on hydraulic fracturing within Australia.

The accompanying submission details Santos' position on current and future hydraulic fracturing for hydrocarbons in the Northern Territory. It includes a description of hydraulic stimulation and associated activities and the effectiveness of measures to mitigate any potential risks and impacts. It is intended to assist the Inquiry to address its published Terms of Reference.

Santos strongly endorses hydraulic fracturing as an environmentally responsible practice that improves the economics of producing natural gas and oil. This technology has been a part of the production of natural gas and oil, in Australia and around the world, for decades and will be key to the safe and sustainable development of the Northern Territory's vast onshore resource potential.

Santos is willing to provide additional information to the Inquiry as required. We would like to extend an offer for the review committee to visit our oil and gas operations either in Mereenie in the Northern Territory and/or in the Cooper Basin in South Australia. This would be an opportunity to see first-hand our hydraulic stimulation operations, along with gas exploration, development and production

Yours sincerely,



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