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Dear Inquiry Panel,

My name is Marcella Hager and I wish to register my opinion that fracking should **not** be allowed in the Northern Territory. There is widespread global evidence which has shown the horrific after effects caused by the chemicals injected into the earth as part of the fracking process - the environment and humans suffer. Fracking is BANNED in France, Bulgaria, Germany, Scotland. These countries do not take the extremely high risks of fracking lightly - and neither should Australia.

I am 22 years old and very worried about the future of the Northern Territory should fracking be approved. I want to believe in an environmentally and socially sustainable future for Australia- and fracking is not the way. Communities who are already socioeconomically disadvantaged have the potential to suffer greatly from health effects caused by fracking. Please please please take our opinions into consideration. Australia could have a bright future ahead in renewable energies, and there is great potential to develop ecotourism in the Northern Territory. Putting our incredibly fragile ecosystems and health of our Indigenous population at ANY risk should not be an option. Please think of the future of the next generation when making your decisions.

Marcella Hager