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Dear Scientific Inquiry,

I noticed with interest yesterday's article in the NT News by Matt Doman that was a comparison between Mr. Rod Dunbar, who is against fracking, and the APPEA representative outlining the long history of safely fracturing in Australia.

In Mr. Rod Dunbar's statements he made some very critical errors in arguing against fracturing and has consistently been stating these errors on behalf of the Don't Frack the Gate alliance for a number of years.

Rod Dunbar, pastoralist, has erroneously stated that the Beetaloo land owners don't want Fracking. However, almost in unison - all the other pastoralist's that Origin has been working, with along with the Aboriginal community, have been very supportive of Origin's work to date.

Mr. Dunbar's comments that " there were negligible spillover jobs outside the gas industry itself and that, for every 10 new gas jobs, 18 agricultural jobs were lost" is so ludicrous that I am hoping that Scientific Inquiry will see through this kind of misinformation very quickly. There are probably only a few dozen total agricultural jobs in the entire Beetaloo Basin and not one of them would be lost to fracking. However, it will take 1000's of new jobs to build the infrastructure, drill, case, frack, gather and process the shale gas and those jobs won't be coming from the Cooper Basin as those workers are needed there - so 1000's of new jobs will have to be created in the Northern Territory.

Best regards,
Paul Brant

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21 February 2017

Community Update #4

Inquiry Chair, Justice Rachel Pepper announced the release of an Issues Paper, which can be viewed [here](#). Justice Pepper also announced the opening of registrations for the first stage of community consultation in March 2017. Please see the media release below.

Registration for formal hearings and community meetings is now open for Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Darwin. For more details and to register please visit frackinginquiry.nt.gov.au

Media Release 20 February 2017

The Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory released a Background and Issues Paper today, ahead of its Territory wide community consultation program commencing in March 2017.

Inquiry Chair, Justice Rachel Pepper said the purpose of the paper is to facilitate a discussion between the Inquiry Panel and Territorians.

"The Issues Paper identifies the potential risks of the hydraulic fracturing of onshore unconventional reservoirs and associated activities in the Northern Territory, within the Terms of Reference of the Inquiry," she said.

"The paper includes information about the differences between conventional and unconventional gas, coal seam gas and shale gas, and the locations of prospective shale gas reservoirs in the Northern Territory.

"It also provides an overview of prior reports produced on hydraulic fracturing as well as an outline of the

regulatory framework for hydraulic fracturing and the petroleum industry in the Northern Territory.”

Justice Pepper is meeting with key stakeholder organisations this week such as, the Environmental Defenders Office, Lock the Gate, Frack Free Alliance, Arid Lands Environment Centre, AFANT, Northern Territory Chamber of Commerce, Northern Land Council, Central Land Council and industry including AAPEA, Origin and Santos.

Justice Pepper said the next step in the Inquiry's process is hearing from Territorians and that there are many ways for people to participate in the Inquiry's community consultation program.

“We want to know from the community and organisations if the issues identified in the Issues Paper have been properly identified and whether there are other issues for the Inquiry to consider going forward,” she said.

“The Issues Paper is available on our website, and in the next few days we will have an online feedback form allowing people to submit their comments electronically.

“We will be visiting 15 locations across the Territory next month to speak with as many Territorians as possible.”

Justice Pepper said the consultation program next month includes formal hearings and community meetings.

“We look forward to hearing from individuals and organisations during hearings and to sharing information and engaging with people at the community meetings.

“Registration is now open on our website for hearings and communities meetings in Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Darwin.

“If you are unable to attend either of these forms of consultation this time, then we encourage you to write to the Inquiry, lodge a submission, or go to our website and have your say on the issues and themes outlined in the Issues Paper.”

The first stage of consultation includes the major centres of Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Katherine and Darwin, including the Darwin rural area, as follows:

- 6 March 2017 – Alice Springs (hearings and community meeting)
- 7 March 2017 – Tennant Creek (hearings and community meeting)
- 8 March 2017 – Katherine (hearings and community meeting)
- 9 March 2017 – Darwin and rural area (community meetings)
- 10 March 2017 – Darwin (hearings)

Full details and registration are available at frackinginquiry.nt.gov.au

The second stage of community consultation will occur in the following communities 20 March – 29 March 2017 as follows:

Monday 20 March 2017 - Maningrida
Monday 20 March 2017 - Gapuwiyak
Monday 20 March 2017 - Nhulunbuy
Tuesday 21 March 2017 - Ngukurr
Tuesday 21 March 2017 - Borroloola
Wednesday 22 March 2017 - Daly Waters
Thursday 23 March 2017 - Mataranka
Friday 24 March 2017 - Timber Creek
Monday 27 March 2017 - Wadeye
Tuesday 28 March 2017 - Yuendumu
Wednesday 29 March 2017 - Hermannsburg

More information and registration for the communities above will be available soon.

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