

fracking inquiry

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To: fracking inquiry
Subject: Fracking comments/input

To the fracking inquiry panel,

I recently attended the presentation of the draft final report in Nhulunbuy. I found the panel to be professional and appreciated the opportunity to attend.

I have provided my comments for your consideration below.

Given the track record of the N.T. government with inadequate and poorly managed environmental monitoring of mines I have serious concerns of the capability of the government to manage this industry. We have had and still have multiple projects across the NT that are a failure in terms of environmental compliance and management. I don't think the government in its current form has the resources or expertise to manage a potentially complex new industry. Mitigation measures are used to reduce high and medium risk projects to low risk but implementation of proposed mitigation measures are often poorly managed or not implemented at all. Any regulation of this new industry in the NT needs to be independent of government and will need sufficient funding to ensure compliance.

It remained unclear after the panel discussion how waste water would be managed in the long-term. In the short-term covered tanks are proposed to be used, this would seem like a costly storage solution and I am unsure of the companies would agree to such measures. In the long-term the water would need to be removed from and treated, no adequate solutions were presented.

Although I feel confident the panel completed a thorough investigation and have developed suitable mitigation measures it remains unclear how many of these measures would ultimately be enforced by the government.

Kind regards,

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