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Chapter 16 Future work of the Inquiry

The following additional activities are planned between now and the release of the Final Report.

16.1 Visit to Amungee Mungee pastoral lease

The Panel intends to visit the Amungee Mungee pastoral lease and surrounding area to view the hydraulically fractured Origin shale gas well and examine its impact on the surface of the land.

16.2 Visit to Beetaloo pastoral lease

The Panel also intends to visit the Beetaloo pastoral lease, where Origin holds an exploration licence.

16.3 Visit to Mereenie gas fields

The Panel will visit Central Petroleum's Mereenie tight gas fields near Alice Springs - of which approximately one third of the wells have already been hydraulically fractured - to examine the impact of the gas field on the environment.

16.4 Consultation with BC Oil and Gas Commission

Following the suggestion by Mr Gerry Wood, MLA, the Panel will consult with the BC Oil and Gas Commission to examine the regulatory framework within which the onshore unconventional gas industry operates in that Province, and to determine if there are any governance measures from that jurisdiction that can be appropriately adapted and applied to the Territory.

16.5 Final round of consultations

As indicated in the Interim Report, pursuant to the release of this Report, a third and final round of public hearings and community forums will commence in late January 2018 for approximately three weeks.

16.6 Publication of Final Report

The Final Report will be published in March 2018.

16.7 Implementation

If the Government decides to lift the moratorium, implementation of the recommendations contained in the Final Report will require a multi-faceted approach from Government. In order to engage with, and respond to, the regulatory and policy challenges presented by the proposed reforms, a high degree of intra and inter-agency and stakeholder coordination and cooperation will be required.

It is likely that the Panel will recommend centralising the consideration, response and implementation of the recommendations contained in its Final Report within the Department of the Chief Minister. If so, the establishment of an implementation committee by the Government will be required headed by a senior officer in that Department and reporting to the Chief Minister and the relevant Minister responsible for granting onshore shale gas approvals.

16.8 Further information

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