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To the Senate Enquiry
Re Fracking in the Beetaloo Basin

I hope that careful consideration will be given to the long term effects of any fracking in the above basin. To spend my money - or in fact any money on this development of pollution emitting development is quite shocking. We must appreciate our natural resources and take advantage instead of our situation where wind solar and other less polluting energy development is a no brainer. Stop listening to those lobbyists with investment in coal and gas - plan a better future for us all.

Please please dont waste our money on this project.

Sincerely,

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To the Senate committee, please consider the damage that these fracking projects will cause if they are allowed to go ahead. Our Aboriginal communities have been saying NO for years. The waste water from the wells would put communities and clean water at risk of contamination. Greenhouse gas emissions would be over the top (nearly a quarter of Australia's emissions.) I don't support public money being given to these climate destroying companies, whose bottom line and sole purpose is money and nothing else matters. Government has so many more better and more important things to spend public money on, like renewable energy instead of climate destroying gas. We only have one planet that is inhabitable and we need to look after it for future generations, so we need to STOP destroying it, and STOP greedy oil, gas and coal companies from destroying it any further if we are to move forward for a sustainable future.

Regards ██████████

To the Senate Committee,
Quoting David Suzuki, "Fracking has to be one of the dumbest, most shortsighted, and most dangerous practices. Fracked gas is released by pumping massive amounts of water and sand containing dozens of chemicals, including known carcinogens, under high pressure into wells deep underground. The gas released is methane, a greenhouse gas that is twenty-two times as potent as CO2 and there is a high rate of leakage. Water pumped into wells is contaminated and can flow into underground waterways. Fracking clearly indicates the lack of concern for consequences. Aboriginal communities have said NO FRACKING. on their land for years. The Government's plans to give \$50million of public moneys to oil and gas companies is outrageous. If that money is available it needs to be spent on low-cost housing for rental or sale to low income people, healthcare and renewable energy - all projects badly needing investment.

Thank you for your concern,

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Please listen when our people say NO

The government must stop subsidising fossil fuel projects that are only going to make the climate crisis worse with massive emissions. There has to be an end to oil and gas projects if there's ever to be a hope of limiting temperature rise to 1.5 degrees which the government signed up to in Paris. Aboriginal communities are adamant they do not want fracking on their land and it's past time to stop destroying Aboriginal cultural heritage and natural resources for the profit of corporations. \$50 million should be used in the transition to a low emissions economy, not thrown at Liberal party donors to the detriment of the whole world.

The Government must stop all plan's to frack in the Beetaloo Basin in the NT.

Given the severity of the climate crisis and the proven health and environmental impacts of fracking it is disgraceful that the Government would be pushing and funding oil and gas companies to do this.

On all levels this plan is disastrous. Traditional Owners of the land fiercely oppose this, and worry for the safety of Country they have been custodians of for tens of thousands of years.

Local communities are fearful of big industry destroying there local country, the harmful gases emitted and poisoning of deep water supplies.

The nation as a whole does not want more carbon emissions.

This plan needs to stop, public money should be flowing into clean, renewable energy in order for Australia to keep up with the rest of the World.

The global community of scientists uniformly agree that the burning of fossil fuels is leading to human-induced climate change. The changes are already being felt, including the most intense heatwave right now Canada has ever experienced. New oil and gas projects should not proceed and Aboriginal communities who are opposed should be respected. Please listen to the community and do not allow these projects to continue.

Thank you

The gas produced by fracking is methane, about 80 times more effective than carbon dioxide as a greenhouse gas.

When burned it forms carbon dioxide. It is impossible to produce, transport and distribute the methane without leakage.

Leakage of only 1.25% of the methane doubles the greenhouse effect of the carbon dioxide produced by burning the other 98.75% of the methane. I have not read anywhere of leakage (fugitive gas) that low.

This means that production of methane, by fracking or as coal seam or 'natural' gas is totally reprehensible in relation to our future.

It is doubly reprehensible if it is done by fracking on the land of our First Nations people, against their wishes, as is proposed for the Beetaloo Basin.

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Save the Beetaloo Basin - No Fracking, No New Oil or Gas Exploration in NT.

As a tourist having visited the NT on a number of occasions ,I value the the First Nations culture, environment, landscape and the sheer beauty of this remote region of Australia. Indeed, it is like no other region on our continent.


It is unconscionable that the Federal Government considers it appropriate to allocate \$50 million to oil and gas companies to explore the NT. Tax payers money should not be used to fund the oil and gas industries. Listen to our First Nations People and embrace their cultural values. It is imperative that as Australians we act to to preserve this valuable region. Reaching our emissions commitment is critical and proposed developments such as this will seriously limit our ability to reach the 2050 targets.

Risking water contamination is unacceptable.

Tax payers money should be spent on healthcare, education and renewable energy.

I appeal to you to support the aspirations of our First Nations People and commit to no fracking in the Beetaloo Basin.

Yours sincerely


Perth WA 6000

Responsible Climate Action requires that no further fossil fuel mines and wells be opened. Which means there is no justification for mine and well exploration.

Fracking has particular risks which preclude it as a responsible activity. The risk of destruction of subsoil ground structures combined with the risk of pollution of vital water sources (and lowering of the water table) reinforce that fracking is the most objectionable approach to creating additional energy.

There can be no justification for fracking. All new energy must be from sustainable sources.

Respect the wishes of Traditional Owners and stop fracking in the Beetaloo Basin!

Respect the wishes of First Nations people as well as those of all Australians and stop fracking in Northern Territory or any other part of Australia. Stop destroying our environment, our flora and fauna and our precious water. Invest in renewable energy. Put an end to gas, coal and fuel.

Respect first people's land!

Fracking is another form of invasion and a complete lack of respect by governments of first people's rights!

Respect Aboriginal views and certainly no more investments in fossil fuels.

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I write to express my opinion regarding the Senage inquiry into fracking in the Beetaloo Basin in the NT and the Government's plans to give \$50 million to oil and gas companies.

I do not support public money being given to fracking companies in the NT.

My reasons:

Aboriginal communities have said no.

Its greenhouse gas emissions would be huge, nearly a quarter of Australia's emissions.

There is no plan for wastewater from the fracking wells, putting communities and water at risk of contamination.

I prefer that the Government prioritises funding on renewable energy and healthcare.

I would prefer the government spend money on housing and healthcare .

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to make a submission opposing fracking in the Beetaloo Basin in the Northern Territory and the plan by our government to give \$50,000,000 to oil and gas companies. In 2021 we need to be thinking about the effect our actions have on the environment and the liveability of our country for generations of Australians to come. Now is the time for us as a nation to be thinking about renewable energy. Gas has become so expensive that it is a huge strain on the budgets of many Australians and sadly fracking is unlikely to improve this situation, despite the lip service paid to the notion. The greenhouse gas emissions would be huge, nearly a quarter of Australia's emissions. Plus the question of 'waste water' needs to be addressed. Wastewater from the fracking wells can put communities and water at risk of contamination. On the driest habitated continent we need to be extremely thoughtful about our use of water and contamination of water via mining should never be condoned.

Aboriginal communities have been fiercely opposing fracking on their land for years, it is time we listened to their concerns.

Opening up new oil and gas basins would be a disaster for our climate and threaten precious water supplies, and as people die in Canada due to unheard of heatwaves, we need to think about what we can do to lower our carbon footprint and do what we can.

Tell the committee why you don't support public money being given to fracking companies in the NT. We need to put this \$50,000,000 to better use like funding for healthcare or renewable energy.

I would like to add my voice in saying no to fracking in the Beetaloo Basin in the NT, on the grounds that fracking destroys the environment, no matter what those in favour say. We must also take into the very important fact that Aboriginal communities have said NO! The greenhouse gas emissions would be huge and nearly a quarter of Australia's emissions. There is no plan for wastewater from the fracking wells, putting communities and water at risk of contamination! This is unacceptable and I would like to see Government rather spend money on healthcare, homelessness or renewable energy. Thank you for your time

I would like Indigenous communities with links to the Beetaloo Basin to have more consultation about the fracking, and for the environmental impacts to be given more weight.

I would have thought that by now the government would have sufficient knowledge of the state of the world's climate, not to mention the damage done by fracking, that it would honour the wishes of the Australian public not to donate public money to the continuation of these destructive practices.

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I oppose any government approval of fracking in the Northern Territory and, even more so, any government money being diverted into support for this destructive industry. The traditional owners don't give consent to this industry which spoils land and water and puts at risk the local environment and other industries such as agriculture. Furthermore, the fracking of gas is a massive contributor to greenhouse gas emissions which drive climate change around our whole precious planet. We must switch immediately to renewable energy to give future generations some hope of a livable planet beyond 2050.

I object wholeheartedly to our hard earned taxes being used to contribute to green house gases, as well as risking the contamination of the water in this arid land, and destroying aboriginal sacred sites.
The time is overdue for the government to listen to the voices of the people who pay their wages

I object to the handing over of tax payers funds to undertake fracking for gas in the Beetaloo Basin.
My objection to this activity is based upon the experience I had with the on-going non-compliance with environment protection measures I witnessed by Sydney Gas in the Camden Coal Seam gas project.
Gas fracking causes much greater risk of long term water pollution which only becomes evident long after depletion of the gas. The company involved has no responsibility for any clean-up or future compensation to affected parties.
Coal seam gas extraction creates large quantities of contaminated water and solid wastes which the company doing the extraction evades responsibility for. The wastes get dispersed around the countryside and landowners are left with dumped wastes with no compensation required for proper environmental protection. Dumped wastes are a long term problem because the gas extraction company lacks the financial profitability to properly transport and disposed of the waste in licensed and controlled facilities providing long term protection from future environmental harm.
The financial viability of gas extraction is now open to question. The true cost of gas extraction is not being reflected in internalised costs. For example, water pollution from contaminated water storages and improper waste disposal is not reflected in actual costs. Clean-up costs are not covered by mandatory financial guarantees with sufficient funds to cover complete clean-up and rehabilitation.
For these reasons, I request that no tax payer funds be gifted to the operators of gas fracking activities including the infrastructure for marketing of gases retrieved by such operations.

I object to any expansion of gas or oil fracking in the Beetaloo Basin.
Based on my years of witnessing deleterious effects of coal mining near my home, all reassuring by authorities and mining companies will prove false. Your rivers and precious groundwater will be degraded, your communities divided and depleted your cultural heritage removed and broken all dominated by exaggerated claims of wealth to be created. Due to the well-known consequences of the climate catastrophe already upon us, shame on all putting forward further expansion of mining coal, fossil gas and oil.

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I don't support public money being given to fracking companies in the NT, allowing them to profit at the expense of our planet.

The traditional owners of this country - the Indigenous communities are strongly against the initiative, greenhouse gas emissions would be huge, there is no plan for wastewater from the fracking wells - putting communities and water at risk of contamination.

I would much prefer you either tax the public less or spend our money on renewable energy, Indigenous rights and reconciliation, healthcare and community initiatives that benefit people of all background and political stances.

I don't support public money being given to fracking companies in the NT for the following reasons:

Aboriginal communities have said no.

Its greenhouse gas emissions would be huge, nearly a quarter of Australia's emissions.

There is no plan for wastewater from the fracking wells, putting communities and water at risk of contamination.

I don't support government money to be used for fracking & oil & gas mining. It is ruining our land and nearby communities. The government should be investigating in renewable energy and stop thinking short term benefit of mining. Climate change is real and Thai will make it worse. The first people need to be considered and supported in their voice about what you are doing to their land. Which is all of Australia. I fully support their requests to stop fracking and the government need to be held accountable to the devastation they will cause if this goes ahead.

Thank you , I don't support government money to be used for fracking & oil & gas mining. It is ruining our land and nearby communities. The government should be investigating in renewable energy and stop thinking short term benefit of mining. Climate change is real and Thai will make it worse. The first people need to be considered and supported in their voice about what you are doing to their land. Which is all of Australia. I fully support their requests to stop fracking and the government need to be held accountable to the devastation they will cause if this goes ahead.

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I don't know why this is still being considered.

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There is no plan for wastewater from the fracking wells, putting communities and water at risk of contamination.

I don't support public money being given to fracking companies, the money would be better spent on supporting renewable energy.

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I am writing to express my distress about the Government's plans to allow fracking in the Beetaloo Basin, NT. We MUST stop pursuing fossil fuels now and we must protect precious water supplies in this area. It is extremely short-sighted in light of the science and also in light of major fuel companies backing off from these unwise investments. Please consider that the needs are much greater elsewhere and we should not be putting taxpayers' funds into such unwise ventures.

I am writing to express my concerns at the Government's plan to open the Beetaloo Basin for fracking. This will result in the release of enormous greenhouse gas emission at a critical time when there is unanimous consensus of the need to reduce greenhouse gases globally.

Indigenous communities have consistently expressed concerns about the environmental and cultural implications.

And there are a multitude of alternative options to spend the intended subsidies to the oil and gas companies.

I am writing to express my concern over fracking in the Beetaloo Basin. Not only does it go against the Paris Climate Accord, with increasing emissions, it has the potential of damaging both land and water in the region. We have very few years left to prevent the worst effects of climate change, and after the Black Summer Bushfires and the consecutive bleaching's of our Great Barrier Reef leading to UNESCO's "in danger" listing, isn't it time we learned that enough is enough and put a stop to more fossil fuel extraction. Please do not support these projects with grants or by any other means.

I am writing to express my concern at the fracking planned for the NT. My son is a traditional owner of the Darwin region (Larrakia) & also has family from south of Darwin (Wardaman). For untold time, this land has nurtured my son's extended families & my families. It has provided clean food, air & water. It has provided shelter & enabled us to be the OLDEST continuing culture & people on this planet. Now big business want to destroy this for short term gain. Everywhere fracking has been permitted there is destruction of land, pollution of air & water.

No-one benefits. No one. The risk to aquifers, to clean & green agriculture, to the environment is far too great. There is NO SAFE WAY TO FRACK.

Please stop this madness.

I am writing to beg you NOT to give millions of dollars to companies planning to frack the Beetaloo Basin. The communities who live there are against it. Huge swathes of the Australian population are against it. The greenhouse gas emissions will be huge, at a time when it is urgent for us to cut them. Because there is no plan for the wastewater from the fracking well, there is a risk of ground water contamination. And we urgently need to invest in renewables, before the rest of the world begins to refuse our produce due to our environmental carelessness.

Please, be sensible this time.

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Fracking should be banned within the Beetaloo Basin, and for that matter, anywhere in Australia. The International Energy Association has recommended that no new fossil fuel projects should be approved to avoid exacerbating further the current climate crisis and they are one of the last reputable international organisations to accept this fact. Furthermore, fracking puts at risk water supplies for the benefit to a small group of people/companies who will not have the financial capability to assume the consequence of any resulting problems and who, if a problem arises, could just wind up their company and walk away with little downside compared to what the rest of the community will need to manage.

Regards

Fracking ruins the water and ecology. Methane is worse than carbon dioxide for the ozone layer. It is impossible to stop fires that result from fracking. The First Nations people with a genuine spiritual connection to the land and what is under it do not want fracking. Please do not allow fracking for short term selfish greed. It is not necessary and it is detrimental.

Fracking ruins that land that it is conducted on.
Australia needs to join the rest of the world and embrace renewables, and taking care of its land.

Fracking releases Methane into the air increasing global warming; it contaminates ground water essential for life for a lot of people. It is a very destructive way to boil water to turn turbines when there are a lot of clean green ways to do it. Public money shouldn't be used to harm people.

Fracking releases gases that contribute to green house gases and it pollutes and destroys underground water sources. Climate change is the speeding train coming towards us that we cannot keep ignoring - the Liberal / National parties may have a death wish , but the rest of us want to live in a safe, healthy world where the natural environment is treasured , valued and protected as it has been for thousands of years before Europeans blundered and trampled their way across Australia . It's time to recognize our mistakes and very quickly ban all fracking, and mining of oil, gas and coal in Australia .

Fracking pollutes groundwater, which is a critical resource in this dry land. And if the prospect is successful, the resultant gas – largely methane, is a super potent greenhouse gas. Gas wells are notoriously leaky, much of the methane escaping into the atmosphere. The burning of this gas is undesirable, as the combustion products are also greenhouse gases.
No fracking please! Let's get on with addressing climate change!, Fracking pollutes groundwater, which is a critical resource in this dry land. And if the prospect is successful, the resultant gas – largely methane, is a super potent greenhouse gas. Gas wells are notoriously leaky, much of the methane escaping into the atmosphere. The burning of this gas is undesirable, as the combustion products are also greenhouse gases.
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Fracking pollutes and poisons your water supply.

Fracking of the Beetaloo Basin goes against the interest of ecology and traditional owners.
Party politics should be dismissed, Australia and the world has priority.

Fracking permanently destroys our lands groundwater and habitat for what is a temporary short term gain.
Please consider the alternative methods of energy generation, I can show you exactly how this is possible ie electrical energy without fuel expenditure. Utilising recent developments in Metamaterials.

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Dear Senators

Fracking should not be permitted in the Beetaloo Basin in the Northern Territory.

Aboriginal communities do not want this to go ahead. It would be destructive of the sensitive environment and waterways. It would adversely impact the natural habitat and local communities both now and in generations to come.

Develop environmentally and culturally sensitive renewable energy and health care projects not shortsighted destructive gas projects.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Senators

Please do not allow fracking and drilling for oil in the Beetaloo Basin. The traditional owners don't want their land destroyed and their precious water supply destroyed.

Global warming is already causing havoc in many parts of the world and the last thing we need is more coal and oil production!

Yours sincerely

Dear Senators

I oppose any fossil fuel extraction from the Beetaloo Basin as this project is not in the interest or wishes of local Indigenous owners, nor is the risk it substantially adds to with regard to greenhouse emissions mitigated in any way by the benefits that will accrue to the citizens of Australia. It harms Australia's standing in the eyes of the world, and, if it cannot proceed without a \$50 million taxpayer gift then the opportunity cost of this money that can otherwise be spent on local sustainable development is substantial. Please reject any funding for this project.

Dear Senators

Aboriginal communities have been fiercely opposing fracking on their land for years.

I am also opposed to fracking in the Beetaloo Basin in the NT just as I was opposed to coal seam gas extraction in the beautiful Whitsundays right next door to the GREAT BARRIER REEF.

Aboriginal communities have said NO.

Its greenhouse emissions would be huge, nearly a quarter of Australia's emissions.

What happens to wastewater from the fracking wells and great risk to local communities.

Monies from govt are better spent on renewable energy and better healthcare for Aboriginal communities.

Yours faithfully

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