

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition by aggrieved manufacturers/suppliers to the Gorgon gas project. Australian Regulations are prescriptive based on sound engineering principles, where a certain hazard product cannot be manufactured, sold or installed unless it has been authorised by the Regulator.

The Montara Commission of inquiry finding No. 52 -

- b. in assessing application for suspension (whilst a hazard exists) the Regulator conducted little more than a **'tick and flick'** exercise,
- c. the Regulator (NT DoR) was not otherwise sufficiently diligent in ensuring that principles of good oilfield practice were followed."

We ask the House to embrace the principles of sound engineering which are in the prescriptive standard contained in our Regulations, and we ask the House to discard the performance based approach, where an imported product which has a ASME or EU CE stamp, gets a tick then a flick from our Regulator.

We further ask the House to embrace the legislative powers of the Parliament to ensure that local businesses have a fair opportunity to manufacture and supply goods and services to the resources projects.