

Petroleum Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 Submission

Dear Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee,

I am writing this submission in trepidation. Being concerned and reading these decisions to change the Bills over the past few months for an Industry, has made less time for family and is causing mental anguish not only to me but to many, many others.

I have read through the Petroleum Bill and the proposed changes and believe it should not change just to suit an Industry.

The Committee and Assembly should not pass or amend this Bill to allow Hydraulic Fracturing or Underground Coal Gasification in Australia.

NT Government were elected on a promise of a five year moratorium and then when elected, lifted the moratorium in less than two years.

There is little faith left in the system and the decisions made, as most decisions seem to be already decided prior to the exhaustive research of those who care on issues that will affect Australia and our environment.

The plea from the constituents to have Hydraulic Fracturing banned throughout the Northern Territory has been ignored.

The risks are too high, as the Fracking Inquiry Panels 135 recommendations to Mitigate the risks have been altered, compromised and are not all being implemented.

Hydraulic Fracturing and Underground Coal Gasification, have the potential to contaminate the NT's water; a precious resource and a necessity for life; our water and food security.
It is a human rights violation.

The rights and liberties of individuals has been compromised.

Land owners should have the right to veto the Industry.
Farmers grow and supply our food sources and rely on clean healthy water and land to produce, for us all to consume.

We have a basic right to a healthy future.

Communities are vulnerable and their Cultural Rights and Liberties are also being compromised.

Our Environment requires protection.
There is already evidence from around the world that Hydraulic Fracturing and Underground Coal Gasification have caused Environmental issues.

The people, communities and constituents do not want Fracking, as it has the potential to contaminate our land, water and food resources.

The Bill does not have sufficient regard to the Institution of Parliament; we are being bought, sold out, and dictated to.
It seems we are being governed by other countries and businesses to make decisions regarding Australian soil and resources.

Hydraulic Fracturing and Underground Coal gasification should be banned throughout Australia.

Other countries; France, Bulgaria, Germany and Scotland, have banned Hydraulic Fracturing. They have seen the damage and have listened to their people, for the good of the people, for the health of the land and water.

Underground Coal gasification is an underdeveloped, high risk mining technique.

We need to secure Australian soil from destruction and the over use of our resources, not just to benefit other countries and get very little in return that is beneficial to Australia.

There has already been reported cases of breaches to water management.

Hydraulic Fracturing and Underground Coal gasification will affect the water in the Northern Territory in years to come, whether it be via the wells or all the toxic waste dams and clearing that the Industry creates, changing our landscape, ecology and the environment.

It is imperative that the Committee and Assembly do not allow Hydraulic Fracturing or Underground Coal Gasification in Australia, as it is detrimental to our health, well-being and our future generations.

regards,
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