

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Anderson to the Minister for Mines and Energy:

Fracking

1. What is the \$8million of taxpayers money allocated to shale gas going to be used for?
 2. Will it subsidise the multimillion dollar companies to profit from using our resources?
 3. Where will the government find the water for the petroleum companies it supports to undertake fracking now that it has already either fully or over-allocated many catchments, including the Mataranka (Tindall) aquifer which feeds the Roper River, the Ooloo aquifer which feed the Daly River and the Howard East aquifer which provides crucial drinking water to Darwin?
 4. How will the results of the Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing be reported, enacted and contribute to management and decision-making process related to fracking activities?
 5. Who will ensure petroleum companies comply with any guidelines formed as a result of this Inquiry?
 6. Who pays for environment clean up if fracking allows gas to leak into the groundwater and more methane to be released into to our atmosphere, contributing to greenhouse gas emissions?
 7. Will the government fund independent assessment of the climate impact of fracking, including fugitive emissions?
 8. Will the government fund an independent scientific study which properly assesses all impacts (environmental, health, social and cultural) caused by fracking both interstate and overseas to assess the risk to the Territory?
 9. How will companies be subsidised or incentivised to frack using taxpayer dollars?
 10. Who benefits financially from fracking?
 11. How will commercial interests be represented in this Inquiry?
 12. A moratorium on all fracking until all of these risks have been properly assessed by independent scientists?
 13. How much will monitoring and compliance bodies be funded to deal with applications by mining and petroleum companies?
 14. Will the NT Government ceases the use of taxpayer dollars to provide subsidies and incentives to mining and petroleum companies for the purpose of exploration, extraction and rehabilitation?
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