

Dear Secretary and Chair of the Economic Policy Scrutiny Committee,

I am urging that the Assembly changes the Water Legislation Amendment Bill further to reflect the preciousness of our water supply in the Northern Territory, and protect it from any potential threat of pollution. In its current form, fracking companies can pollute water and this is disgusting abuse of power and economic greed over the most precious recourse we all rely on to survive.

In Central Australia we are 100% reliant on underground water supplies to be able to live in this challenging environment. The quality of this water should be upheld with far greater importance over an industry such as fracking, which has a proven track record of contaminating water sources.

Any threat to our water is too great a risk.

Water allocation is another enormous area needing urgent amendment. Evidence suggests one 'frack' uses around 10 million litres of water! That is a ridiculous amount of water for a dirty industry to be able to extract from our aquifers, when we know our aquifers are a finite resource. Furthermore, our local agricultural businesses, which supply our livelihoods, and provide food for our communities, and are given, water allocations far smaller than this.

I am disgusted economic rationalism holds powers back polluting companies, which serve no gain to local communities and are allowed to pollute our most precious recourse.

Yours sincerely,

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