



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY  
13<sup>th</sup> Assembly

**Petition**

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Title	Declare entire Northern Territory a no go zone for onshore shale gas fracking
Presented on	22 March 2018
Presented by	Hon Natasha Fyles MLA (Member for Nightcliff)
Referred to	Minister for Primary Industry & Resources
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Response presented	10 May 2018

**Petition**

Petition to The Honourable Natasha Fyles and the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly

PETITION FOR THE ENTIRE NORTHERN TERRITORY TO BE DECLARED A NO GO ZONE FOR ONSHORE SHALE GAS FRACKING

To our elected representative, The Honourable Natasha Fyles Member for Nightcliff

As residents in your electorate, we your constituents, humbly request that you protect the land, water and communities of the Northern Territory from on shore shale gas extraction (fracking). Our water, health, environment and existing industries are too important to risk with on shore fracking gasfields. We consider any level of risk shale gas fracking poses to our water and livelihoods to be too great.

We, the undersigned respectfully demand that the entire Northern Territory be declared a 'no go zone' for on shore shale gas fracking activities.

**Response**

The NT Government understands the community concerns regarding the emerging oil and gas industry in the Northern Territory and announced a moratorium and independent scientific inquiry into hydraulic fracture stimulation on 14 September 2016.

The Independent Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory was extensive and took 15 months to complete. During that time the Inquiry Panel held 52 community forums, 151 public hearings and received 1 257 written submissions.

The Panel released its final report on 27 March 2018, making 135 recommendations to mitigate to acceptable levels the identified risks associated with on shore gas development.

Government has accepted all 135 recommendations of the inquiry, including the key finding that hydraulic fracturing of on shore unconventional shale gas reservoirs may proceed under very strict conditions and in tightly prescribed areas. By developing a robust regulatory framework we can ensure that any on shore shale gas industry develops in a safe manner that protects the environment and meets community expectations.

Implementation of the recommendations will be a staged process, led by a team established within the Department of the Chief Minister, and will be overseen by an independent officer to ensure that it is done transparently and effectively. A reference group will be established to provide feedback to Government from key stakeholders on the development of the implementation framework.