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Petition

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Title	Moratorium on all unconventional oil and gas mining in the NT division of Lingiari for seven (7) years
Presented on	9 May 2017
Presented by	Ms Nelson, Member for Katherine
Referred to	Hon Ken Vowles, Minister for Primary Industry and Resources
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WE THE UNDERSIGNED RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

MORATORIUM ON ALL UNCONVENTIONAL OIL AND GAS MINING IN THE NT DIVISION OF LINGIARI FOR SEVEN (7) YEARS

YOUR PETITIONERS HUMBLY PRAY THAT:

The NT Division of Lingiari has a moratorium on all unconventional oil and gas mining, (fracking) for seven years. This is so accurate data, both good and bad, can be obtained. The same protection as Darwin, Darwin Rural and Palmerston areas have been granted. We believe this mining poses substantial and unacceptable risks to the NT

Division of Lingiari, including but limited to:

- Contamination of the ground water;
- Storage issues for toxic waste water;
- Wells that will degrade over time;
- Depletion of the ground water/river systems;
- Increased seismic events;
- Destruction of our natural beauty and therefore the tourist industry;

AND YOUR PETITIONERS, As IN DUTY BOUND, WILL EVER PRAY.

Response

The Government made a commitment to Territorians at the 2016 election, that upon taking Government, it would impose a moratorium on the hydraulic fracturing of unconventional reserves in the Northern Territory and would conduct an independent scientific inquiry.

We have upheld this commitment and a moratorium has been in place since it was announced by the Chief Minister, Michael Gunner, on 13 September 2016.

The Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory is underway and is chaired by the Hon. Justice Rachel Pepper, who is overseeing a panel of 10 scientists. The inquiry will investigate the environmental, social and economic risks and impacts of hydraulic fracturing of onshore unconventional gas reservoirs and associated activities in the Northern Territory.

At the end of that inquiry the Government, informed by the findings of the inquiry, will either ban fracking in the Northern Territory or allow it in highly regulated circumstances in tightly prescribed areas.