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Dear Frack Free NT,

I have read your questionnaire on Fracking and feel in general agreement with most of the questions posed, although I would also like to clarify that my main concern is with the planned proliferation of Horizontal Fracturing in Central Australia.

I accept that the whole shale gas industry brings with it environmental concerns, but I believe it is Horizontal Fracturing that is the main concern for Centralians – with the depth of the wells, the high demand for water, the threat to the aquifer, and the use and disposal of toxic chemicals.

Just a few other points of clarification:

Question 4 - Aboriginal land titles, rights and responsibilities vary across the NT. This question is too general. But I do agree with the sentiment that TOs should have a major say in what happens on their land.

Question 5 – It was my understanding that mining companies are already financially responsible for cleaning up mine sites of pollution, even though in practice this may not always occur.

Regards

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