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Submission to Hydraulic Fracturing Inquiry, NT

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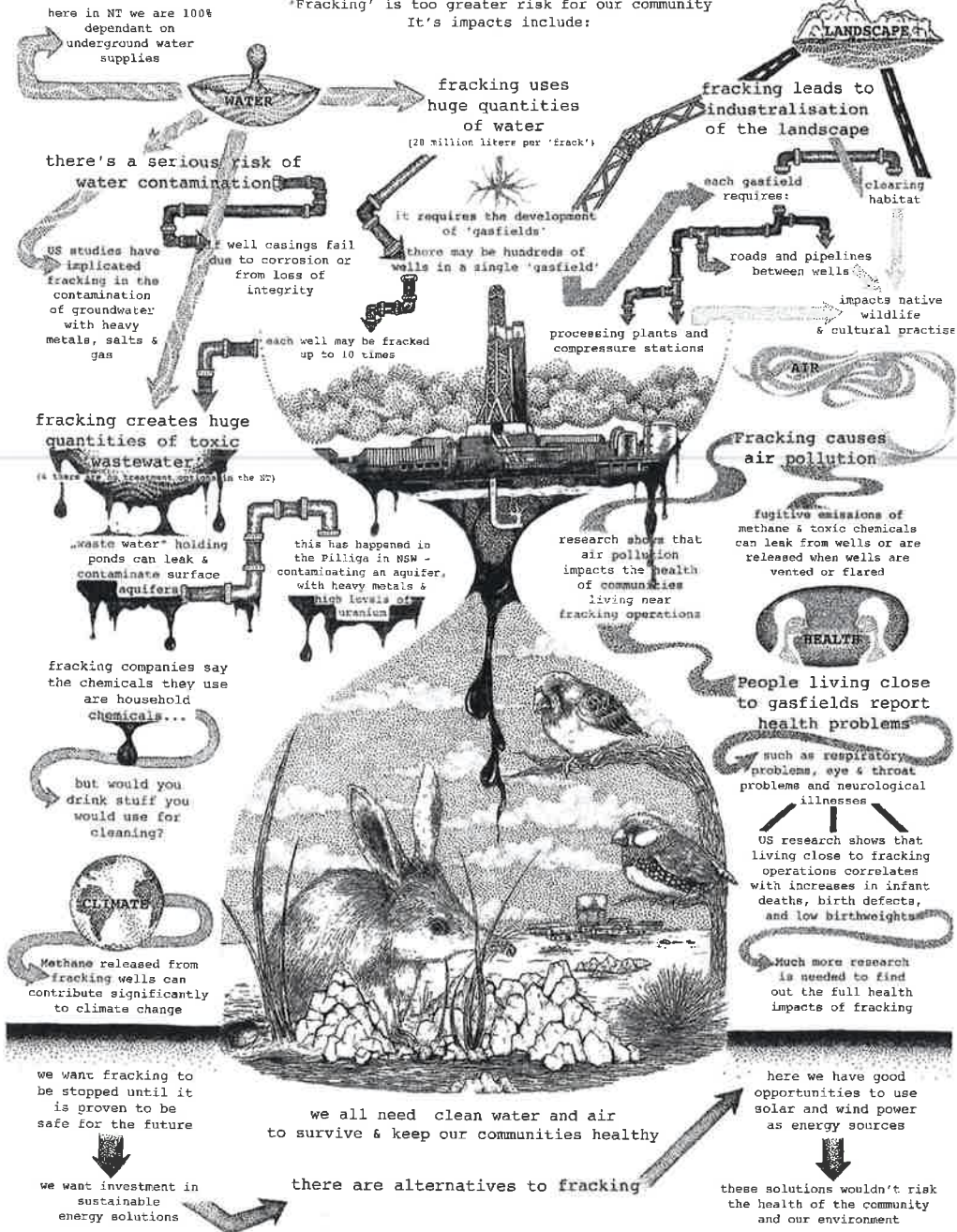
1. I take issue with people who have spread unsubstantiated propaganda and frightened locals about the oil and gas industry. As your issues paper and research shows, almost all of what they claim has little to no veracity at all.
2. I share the following document which is full of errors. It was widely distributed last year, clearly targeted to influence and frighten indigenous people and was calculated to deceive. For example, the NT is not and never has been "100 per cent dependent on groundwater" and especially not in the northern half of the Territory, where rainfall and surface water provide a sizable amount of our drinking water supply. So, the basic facts upon which much of the document is predicated is wrong.
3. Activists have, it seems, deliberately muddied the waters by switching from shale gas to coal seam gas to any action and extraction by the oil and gas industry, and then talking about the underground coal gasification trial in Qld, conflating that with 'fracking', all the better to frighten and distress people, particularly Aboriginal people who seem always vulnerable to manipulation, especially by those with an axe to grind and no consequences for themselves.
4. Does gas 'fracking' cause asthma, low birth weight babies and the like? Not in our reading of the evidence. We have lots of these problems without an oil and gas industry locally....as well as foetal alcohol syndrome, heart disease, diabetes and the like which are diseases of relative poverty and unemployment, not diseases of 'industrialisation of the landscape' and such nonsense.
5. The scare about hydraulic fracturing comes after scare stories about Genetically Modified cotton and foods, shown to be nonsense; scare stories and campaigns about over extraction of water and land clearing in the Daly Basin, which research showed to also be without foundation. And stories about how kangaroos will be made extinct; ~~?? all of which were shown to be wrong.~~
and fish in Chambers bay
6. How many more times do we have to listen to these scare stories, anti-science petitions and have the normal processes of government disrupted before the Australian Consumer Law is made to apply to activist groups with the same strength that it applies to companies and other organisations?

I will provide a more details submission via email.

story told by Tanya Hall, Alice Springs

why are we as a community saying no to 'fracking' in Central Australia?

'Fracking' is too greater risk for our community
It's impacts include:



In many countries fracking has been banned: Germany, The Netherlands, France, Wales, Scotland, Switzerland, Ireland, Austria, Bulgaria, Romania, South Africa

Find out more about fracking in the NT and get involved: Frackfreecoordinator@gmail.com
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