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Hello, my comments to the Inquiry's Expert Panel are as follows:

**1. Should final decisions such as Fracking or No Fracking rest with people who either:**

- (a) have no intention of residing in the NT, in particular, Alice Springs.
- (b) are only residing in the NT and/or Alice Springs short term i.e. less than 20 years from now!

**Local long term residents will always be the people who are left to deal with the 'aftermath' of decisions which affect our land, waterways, communities and climate.**

*Refer decisions made in recent times in Australia regarding coal/uranium/forestry/explorations and mining where large scale contamination has resulted in permanent ongoing damage to the surrounding environment.*

**2. Economic decisions are always variable. Jobs will come and go, but environmental damage will always be there.**

**3. NO ONE, especially those whose business will generate \$\$\$\$ in their own pocket, can say that the risk(s) of Fracking is minimal.**

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**4. If Fracking does go ahead and it contaminates our underground water supply to the point of being un-usable, can the coastal regions of Australia sustain a sweep of 'inland residents' relocating to their regions.** Where will tourists etc., draw their water supply and other provisions from when they travel through NT?

Sound far fetched? Maybe, but can decision makers really guarantee it's not!

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