

8 December 2017

The Chairman

Independent Scientific Panel Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracture Stimulation in Western Australia 2017

Dear Sir

**Subject - Social impact of Fracking – Warro gas project**

I live and work in the Badgingarra district close to the Warro Gas Project.

I would therefore like to comment on the social and community impact of fracking on the environment and local community. I am not able to comment on the technical or scientific aspects of the project.

Latent Petroleum (now a wholly owned subsidiary of Whitebark Energy) have been associated with the Warro project for over 10 years. During this time, they have always been excellent corporate citizens explaining their exploration & development operations and have;

- Explained the drilling, fracking process and associated production issues.
- Conducted regular briefings and updates for the community.
- Organized drilling rig inspections and information for school and community groups
- Gone to considerable effort to address any production or environmental concerns
- Been available, open and transparent in all dealings and information

In summary, Latent Petroleum has sought to educate and cooperate with and be a responsible energy producer in our community.

In addition, Latent Petroleum has;

- Utilized local vendors thereby injecting considerable revenue into local businesses
- Employed local people for environmental, community and support roles
- Actively sponsored the local school and local community events (e.g. Speed shears)

In summary, Latent Petroleum has brought sustained economic & social benefits to many members of our community over a considerable time.

I would also like to commend Latent Petroleum for its reasoned, factual, scientific and non-emotive conduct within our community. I could not ask for a better corporate citizen to deal with and would like the project to be successful.

Regards

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