



Independent Scientific Panel Inquiry
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Dear Chairman and Members of the Independent Scientific Panel,

RE: SUBMISSION FROM THE KIMBERLEY PILBARA CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION TO THE INDEPENDENT SCIENTIFIC PANEL INQUIRY INTO HYDRAULIC FRACTURING IN WA

I am writing on behalf of the Kimberley Pilbara Cattlemen's Association (KPCA) to make a submission in relation to issues for consideration of the Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in WA.

The KPCA represents around 350,000 head of cattle and a number of related businesses across the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne regions of WA.

The KPCA Executive Committee has identified the following issues of concern, in consultation with KPCA members, in relation to hydraulic fracturing:

- The KPCA has been watching with interest the progression of the hydraulic fracturing inquiry in the Northern Territory, in particular the position taken by the Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association (NTCA) and a number of other pastoralists, some of which also have interests in WA, including positions put regarding the introduction of the requirement for mandatory land access agreements and even a veto on activity. To this end, and more broadly, the KPCA would like to draw the Inquiry's attention to the submissions and testimony put forward by the NTCA and Consolidated Pastoral Company (CPC) in the NT Inquiry for consideration in the context of the WA Inquiry:

<https://frackinginquiry.nt.gov.au/submission-library>

- A key objective of the KPCA is to maximise the potential of the Northern beef industry. In order to do this, the ability to diversify activities on pastoral leases is of fundamental importance and will be further discussed with the WA Government as part of the tenure reform process to be progressed in coming months. Given the increased focus of the industry on irrigation of fodder crops,



amongst others, this means access to groundwater is of fundamental importance to the industry and also that further significant improvements to properties are going to be made whereby it may not be possible for co-existence with petroleum activities.

- As such, whilst the KPCA has an open mind to the possibility of working collaboratively with petroleum companies, the KPCA would like to see a stronger land access regime for pastoralists which will include consent to entry requirements and compensation for restriction on land use/limitations to diversification, due to petroleum activities, being legally mandated as well as the right to veto activities should they ultimately not be compatible with the pastoralist's current land use and/or the full range of diversified pastoral land uses. This would also allow for consideration of the increasing biosecurity requirements that pastoralists need to meet to conduct operations.
- Further, the KPCA would like to see that the WA Government fund the undertaking of comprehensive baseline groundwater and environmental assessments of the onshore Canning Basin, that are released publically, in order to better inform approvals assessments and decisions regarding whether risks of fracking can be managed to as low as reasonably practicable and ultimately to an acceptable level.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself via dstoate@gmail.com.au or 0418 441 554 or our CEO Emma White via ceo@kpcanet.au or 0499 331 643 should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



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