

Dear Inquiry Members

My name is Troy Main, I am a Broome resident and am supportive of hydraulic fracturing. I wish to submit the following points to the inquiry in support of the technique being used in the Kimberley:

- Hydraulic fracturing has been shown to be safe and of low risk to the environment by a number of inquiries in Australia and overseas. This includes a Parliamentary Inquiry undertaken in Western Australia only a couple of years ago.
- The Kimberley has a long history of oil and gas activity. Wells have been drilled in the Kimberley since the 1920's and the industry has been an important contributor to the region for almost 100 years.
- In 2015 the Yungngora Association (the representatives of the native title holders around the Noonkanbah community) released a press release in support of fracking. After consulting with their experts the community was supportive of fracking and the benefits the community would receive through employment and commercial opportunities. Fracking would benefit the entire west Kimberley as it would create employment and commercial opportunities for everyone living here (*see attached*).
- The hydraulic fracturing process has been utilised near Broome in recent history. This occurred around 70km from Broome and around 30km from the nearest residential property. There was no impact to the environment, nor was it noticed by the residents in the region or Broome.
- The areas where oil and gas exploration occur in the Kimberley are extremely remote and are not areas that are utilised by tourists or locals. The area is hot and dry and the limited development impact that comes from onshore gas production will not impact on the existing or future tourism potential of the Kimberley.
- The majority of people opposed to fracking in Western Australia are not Kimberley residents but are activists based in or are from major urban areas. They do not represent the views of us in the Kimberley yet their activism has a significant impact on my livelihood and the future employment opportunities of the youth of the region.

Sincerely

Troy Main

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The following is a joint statement released today by Yungngora Chairwoman, Caroline Mulligan and Koolkarriya Committee Chairman, Ronnie Lormada.

We the Yungngora People are the recognized Native Title holders for Noonkanbah Station. Our lands around Noonkanbah have been our traditional lands for many thousands of years.

Buru Energy has recently completed their fracking operation on our country. We allowed this to happen after speaking to many experts about the effect of this activity on our country and the environment. Our experts looked at Buru's plans and let us know this is a safe activity if it is done properly. We trust Buru to do this properly.

"My hope and dream for the community and for the people as well is mainly getting young people involved in the workforce, getting them involved in looking after their country and with Buru it has been a really strong start with us and for the future."

"It has been great to see our young people work closely with Buru and we have that connection."

The following is a statement from Thomas Skinner, Chairman of the Yungngora native title corporation.

We are the new generation of Aboriginal owners that speak for our country and have the support of our old people. We have set up Koolkarriya as a business council that represents the seven clan groups of our Traditional Lands. The council really connects with Buru Energy so that we can have future work and opportunity for our young people.

The reason we selected the people on the business council is so that they can feed back to their own people that they can have their own business going as well. If Buru Energy get cranked up, that is really good for us.

We really want to keep this place going. We want to keep our young people safe from alcohol and the new drugs coming into the Kimberley. This is what is killing our people. Mining is giving us job opportunities to work on our own land. We need training and job opportunities for our kids future.

A mining company like Buru Energy come in here, they give opportunity and work. We want this.

Alcohol and drugs is killing our people – not mining or oil and gas.

WE NEED THESE NEW OPPORTUNITIES.

We welcome Buru.



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