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Subject: Input from a local family to the Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracture Stimulation in WA
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Dear Independent Scientific Panel Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracture Stimulation in Western Australia,

Thank you for the opportunity to give input into this independent inquiry.

My husband, children and I live in Broome, in the west Kimberley where my husband works as a broadcast manager at a local media organisation, and I work with a local citizen science project while also studying towards an education degree. We own a house and our children go to a local Broome school where I'm contributing my fourth year as a board member; the safety of the Kimberley environment - and the related impact on the health of our family and community - is very important to us.

We are concerned that hydraulic fracture stimulation in the Kimberley will impact on the health of our environment, and on the health of our family and our community. I was chatting to my father-in-law today as he was swimming in his pool with my husband and our kids, his grandkids. The gathering was actually in celebration of my mother-in-law's birthday - but the happy event was dampened by this concerning conversation about fracking. As the kids splashed and laughed around us, my father-in-law, who is a Broome local and traditional owner, and who volunteers on local committees and who also volunteers at our local heritage centre, mentioned the scientific document recently released "The Compendium of Scientific, Medical, and Media Findings Demonstrating Risks and Harms of Fracking" - a recently released, fully referenced compilation of the evidence outlining the risks and harms of fracking.

This immense document provides information that informs our family's concerns about the following: we are worried about our drinking water (page 18); we are worried that growing evidence shows that fracking regulations are simply not capable of preventing harm (page 17); we are worried about the toxic air pollution (page 18); we are concerned about public health problems associated with fracking (page 19); and we are worried about water use, waste water, well integrity, contamination risk, ground water, surface water, fugitive emissions, air pollution, light pollution, the gas processing plants, generators, and the industrialisation that will affect agriculture, tourism, heritage and our communities (Reference: http://concernedhealthny.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Fracking_Science_Compendium_5FINAL.pdf)

In conclusion, we as a local family don't believe fracking can be considered safe, nor that it can be safely regulated; we do not believe the moratorium on fracking should be lifted.

Kind regards

Fiona West and Kimberley West
