

# Stop Fracking and Protect Our Climate

An Open Letter to the Northern Territory Government from Australian Scientists and Experts

## To the Northern Territory Government

Many of us called for ban on fracking in the Northern Territory in 2018 and again in 2021 because of the damage it will inflict on our climate.

The science has not changed and in 2023 the situation has only become more urgent.

The impacts of climate change, driven by fossil fuels, are escalating. Our ecosystems and way of life are under threat, and many areas will become uninhabitable if emissions continue to rise. The Northern Territory is particularly vulnerable to these impacts. The International Energy Agency (IEA), the United Nations and scientists globally, including over 100 prominent Australian scientists and experts have called for an end to new fossil fuel developments.

Despite the clear connection between fossil fuel expansion and climate change, the Northern Territory Government continues to pursue fracking in the Beetaloo Basin. In 2018 it committed to implement all the recommendations of the Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory (Fracking Inquiry), including:

*That the NT and Australian governments seek to ensure that there is no net increase in the life cycle GHG emissions emitted in Australia from any onshore shale gas produced in the NT.*

*[Recommendation 9.8]*

**The Northern Territory Government has failed to keep its commitment.**

Allowing large scale gas production in the Beetaloo Basin could add 89 million tonnes of emissions to our atmosphere annually, equivalent to four times the current emissions of the Northern Territory and 18 per cent of Australian emissions which is unacceptable.

**We call on the Northern Territory Government to end fracking in the Northern Territory.**

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