

Abadie, Abadie – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 19:47:13

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Abadie Abadie
Sent	12/05/2021 7:47:13 PM

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Bernard Abadie

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Abberley, Mick – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:12:52

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Sent	11/05/2021 7:12:52 PM

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Ilze Abele
Briar Hill, Victoria, 3088, Australia

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Aberasturi, Carlos – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 10:11:43

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From	Carlos Aberasturi
Sent	19/05/2021 10:11:43 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Carlos Aberasturi

Nightcliff, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Sent	19/05/2021 5:33:55 PM

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Ablitt, Susan – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:05:37

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Sent	11/05/2021 3:05:37 PM

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Susan Ablitt

Mansfield, Victoria, 3722, Australia

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Abram, Esther – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 19:53:51

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From	Esther Abram
Sent	18/05/2021 7:53:51 PM

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Batman, Victoria, 3058, Australia

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Agass, Veronica – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 07:32:47

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Aitken, Douglas – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:52:26

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Sent	11/05/2021 2:52:26 PM

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Akiyama, Akino – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 20:05:42

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Sent	12/05/2021 8:05:42 PM

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Albury, Kiki – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:03:05

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Yours sincerely,

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Sent	11/05/2021 3:17:45 PM

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Alexander, Bob – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:07:10

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Allen, Brian – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:23:41

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Thomas Timpe

Campbells Creek, Victoria, 3451

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Alloway, Eric – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:11:32

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From	Eric Alloway
Sent	11/05/2021 4:11:32 PM

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Carpentaria, Queensland, 4823, Australia

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Alsop, Sandy – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 06:35:01

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Sandy Alsop
Sent	12/05/2021 6:35:01 AM

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Sandy Alsop

Burradoo, New South Wales, 2576, Australia

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Amos, Lorraine – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:19:31

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From	Lorraine Amos
Sent	11/05/2021 4:19:31 PM

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Lorraine Amos

Buderim Queensland, 4556, Australia

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Anderberg, Eva – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:04:42

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From	Eva Anderberg
Sent	11/05/2021 8:04:42 PM

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Kenneth S Bennett

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Andersen, Jorgen – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 18:01:45

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jorgen Andersen
Sent	12/05/2021 6:01:45 PM

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Red Head, New South Wales, 2430, Australia

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Anderson, Sue – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:33:02

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Sent	11/05/2021 1:33:02 PM

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Sue anderson

Chirnside Park, Victoria, 3116, Australia

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Anderson, Vicki – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 10:19:02

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From	Vicki Anderson
Sent	19/05/2021 10:19:02 AM

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ANDREW, Karen – Saturday, 15 May 2021 – 08:05:33

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Karen ANDREW
Sent	15/05/2021 8:05:33 AM

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Karen ANDREW
Wurruk, Victoria, 3850, Australia

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Andrews, Chris – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:24:37

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From	Chris Andrews
Sent	11/05/2021 12:24:37 PM

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Angell, JL – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:19:06

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JL Angell Angell

Banksia, New South Wales, 2216, Australia

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Anton, Stephanie – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 09:47:43

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From	Stephanie Anton
Sent	12/05/2021 9:47:43 AM

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Brandon Park, Victoria, 3150, Australia

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Apelt, Ruth – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 10:48:24

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Ruth Apelt
Sent	19/05/2021 10:48:24 AM

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Ruth Apelt

White Gums, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Arbon, Veronica – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 10:10:05

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From	Veronica Arbon
Sent	14/05/2021 10:10:05 AM

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Mitchell, Northern Territory, 0832, Australia

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Armand, Ingerlise – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 21:25:31

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Lymington Tasmania, 7109, Australia

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Armitage, Karen – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:33:25

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Armstrong, Mike – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 10:27:30

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From	Mike Armstrong
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Arnett, Craig – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 16:00:05

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From	Craig Arnett
Sent	13/05/2021 4:00:05 PM

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Craig Arnett
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Arnold, Kate – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 07:04:32

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Kate Arnold
Sent	18/05/2021 7:04:32 AM

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Kate Arnold

Balaclava, Victoria, 3183, Australia

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Ashmore, Sue – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 22:41:42

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From	Sue Ashmore
Sent	11/05/2021 10:41:42 PM

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Ashton, Isabel-Anne – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:50:21

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From	Isabel-Anne Ashton
Sent	11/05/2021 12:50:21 PM

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Isabel-anne Ashton

Booyong, New South Wales, 2480, Australia

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Atherton, Roberta – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:51:17

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From	Roberta Atherton
Sent	11/05/2021 3:51:17 PM

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Nightcliff, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Atley, Finn – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:12:35

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:12:35 PM

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Williamstown, Victoria, 3016, Australia

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Attreed, Sue – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:59:18

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Sent	11/05/2021 4:59:18 PM

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Exeter, New South Wales, 2579, Australia

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Ayres, Avinash – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 14:08:09

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Avinash Ayres
Sent	12/05/2021 2:08:09 PM

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Avinash Ayres
Booyong, New South Wales, 2480, Australia

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Bailey, Ellen – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:35:38

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From	Ellen Bailey
Sent	11/05/2021 1:35:38 PM

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Bailey, Frances – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:00:53

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From	Frances Bailey
Sent	11/05/2021 12:00:53 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Frances Bailey
Lake Haven, New South Wales, 2263, Australia

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Baillie, Peta – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 21:39:23

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Peta Baillie
Sent	14/05/2021 9:39:23 PM

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White Gums, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Bain, Elizabeth – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 17:09:53

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Elizabeth Bain
Sent	12/05/2021 5:09:53 PM

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Elizabeth Bain

Safety Beach, Victoria, 3936, Australia

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Bain, Miranda – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 07:09:52

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Miranda Bain
Sent	17/05/2021 7:09:52 AM

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Miranda Bain

Tweed Heads West, New South Wales, 2485, Australia

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Baker, Alan – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:34:39

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Sent	11/05/2021 5:34:39 PM

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Baker, Anna-Rosa – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:18:43

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Sent	11/05/2021 5:18:43 PM

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Royal National Park, New South Wales, 2233, Australia

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Baker, Ben – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 21:55:39

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Sent	19/05/2021 9:55:39 PM

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Baker, Jan – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:17:50

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From	Jan Baker
Sent	11/05/2021 1:17:50 PM

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Jan Baker

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Baker, Wendy – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:27:25

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From	Wendy Baker
Sent	11/05/2021 1:27:25 PM

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Ball, Kevin – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:55:23

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From	Kevin Ball
Sent	11/05/2021 2:55:23 PM

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Banks, Janice – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 07:05:19

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From	Janice Banks
Sent	12/05/2021 7:05:19 AM

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Banks, Louise – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 11:51:11

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Louise Banks
Sent	17/05/2021 11:51:11 AM

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Bannister, Allan – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 10:08:11

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From	Allan Bannister
Sent	12/05/2021 10:08:11 AM

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Baragry, Shawen – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 20:35:37

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From	Shawen Baragry
Sent	12/05/2021 8:35:37 PM

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Shawen Baragry

Casuarina, Western Australia, 6167, Australia

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Barkla, Les – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 10:07:30

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From	Les Barkla
Sent	12/05/2021 10:07:30 AM

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Les Barkla

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Barnes, Brian – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:12:45

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Brian Barnes
Sent	11/05/2021 5:12:45 PM

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Brian Barnes

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Barraclough, Franca – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 19:35:46

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Franca Barraclough
Sent	13/05/2021 7:35:46 PM

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BARRY, VICKI – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:08:45

Subject	Register my objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	VICKI BARRY
Sent	11/05/2021 1:08:45 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I write to you to implore you to reconsider even more carefully the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

In light of our responsibility to the environment, and the planet in general, and also to reduce further emissions from fossil fuels, please do not let this development go ahead. We have already seen the dangers of polluting our already challenged clean water supplies.

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Yours sincerely,

VICKI BARRY

Leichhardt, New South Wales, 2040, Australia

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Bartholomew, Andrew – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:48:44

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From	Andrew Bartholomew
Sent	11/05/2021 7:48:44 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Andrew Bartholomew

Mullumbimby, New South Wales, 2482, Australia

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Bartlett, Harshini – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:06:31

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From	Harshini Bartlett
Sent	11/05/2021 12:06:31 PM

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This will have significant impact on the NTs climate change targets.

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Harshini Bartlett

Tennant Creek, Northern Territory, 0860, Australia

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Bartlett, Lynette – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:05:21

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From	Lynette Bartlett
Sent	11/05/2021 1:05:21 PM

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Lynette Bartlett

Milperra, New South Wales, 2214, Australia

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Bartlett, Richard – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:06:48

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From	Richard Bartlett
Sent	11/05/2021 12:06:48 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Richard Bartlett
Cable Beach, Western Australia, 6726, Australia

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Bartlett, Wendy – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:08:37

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From	Wendy Bartlett
Sent	11/05/2021 12:08:37 PM

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Bbing, Doug – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:29:39

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Doug Ste Bbing
Sent	11/05/2021 4:29:39 PM

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Beach, Jo – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 14:47:05

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jo Beach
Sent	12/05/2021 2:47:05 PM

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Jo Beach
Mullaloo, Western Australia, 6027, Australia

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Beacham, Naomi – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:08:39

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Sent	11/05/2021 7:08:39 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Naomi Beacham

Lytton, Queensland, 4178, Australia

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Beckwith, Kaye – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:58:08

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From	Kaye Beckwith
Sent	11/05/2021 12:58:08 PM

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Kaleen, Australian Capital Territory, 2617, Australia

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Becroft, Christine – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:33:44

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From	Christine Becroft
Sent	11/05/2021 8:33:44 PM

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Beek, Peter – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:15:08

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From	Peter Van Beek
Sent	11/05/2021 12:15:08 PM

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Beer, Ron – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:43:23

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From	Ron Beer
Sent	11/05/2021 7:43:23 PM

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Sent	11/05/2021 7:40:55 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Julia Begg
Moonlight Flat, Victoria, 3450, Australia

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Begg, Michael – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 11:59:22

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From	Michael Begg
Sent	11/05/2021 11:59:22 AM

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Belfield, Melinda – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:24:16

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From	Melinda Belfield
Sent	11/05/2021 2:24:16 PM

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Melinda Belfield

Blantyre, Queensland, 4310, Australia

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Bell, Charlie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:02:02

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From	Charlie Bell
Sent	11/05/2021 6:02:02 PM

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Charlie Bell

Lorn, New South Wales, 2320, Australia

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Bell, Frances – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 22:00:21

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From	Frances Bell
Sent	11/05/2021 10:00:21 PM

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Bedfordale, Western Australia, 6112, Australia

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Bell, John – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:38:53

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:38:53 PM

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New South Wales, 2343, Australia

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Bence, Ruth – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 14:44:56

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From	Ruth Bence
Sent	19/05/2021 2:44:56 PM

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North Warrandyte, Victoria, 3113, Australia

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Bennett, Kenneth – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:05:29

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Bennett, Leanne – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 00:06:23

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Sent	12/05/2021 12:06:23 AM

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Leanne Bennett
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Bens, Isaac – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 17:43:39

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Isaac Bens
Sent	17/05/2021 5:43:39 PM

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Berens, John&Shirley – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:44:23

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From	John&Shirley Berens
Sent	11/05/2021 3:44:23 PM

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john berens

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Bereza, Hala – Sunday, 16 May 2021 – 05:25:57

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Hala Bereza
Sent	16/05/2021 5:25:57 AM

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Hala Bereza

Bibra Lake, Western Australia, 6163, Australia

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Berlach, Andrew – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:14:47

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:14:47 PM

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Berlach, Susan – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:53:59

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Susan Berlach
Sent	11/05/2021 7:53:59 PM

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Berry, Don – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:44:10

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:44:10 PM

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Bester, Linda – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 09:13:38

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Yours sincerely,

Linda Bester

Coldstream, Victoria, 3770, Australia

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Bestevaar, Nicholas – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 19:12:41

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Nicholas Bestevaar
Sent	12/05/2021 7:12:41 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Nicholas Bestevaar
Saint Lucia, Queensland, 4067, Australia

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Beumer, Philippa – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 18:54:00

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Philippa Beumer
Sent	18/05/2021 6:54:00 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

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Yours sincerely,

Philippa Beumer

Gray, Northern Territory, 0830, Australia

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Bibo, David – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:54:35

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	David Bibo
Sent	11/05/2021 12:54:35 PM

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This fracking project must be subject to the full Federal assessment process and a Territory Environmental Impact Assessment.

Yours sincerely,

David Bibo

Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, 2601, Australia

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Biggs, John – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:49:02

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	John Biggs
Sent	11/05/2021 1:49:02 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am greatly concerned about the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

The proposed seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental impacts, which may well not receive the regulatory scrutiny it warrants.

The scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. It should be assessed instead at the Federal level, with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA for a full environmental impact assessment.

In total, the proposal includes 150 hectares of land clearing over a significant stretch of country. This will increase predation from feral animals and cause inundation by invasive species, which typically favour areas of disturbance.

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Binns, David – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 15:36:18

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	David Binns
Sent	19/05/2021 3:36:18 PM

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Birki, Warren – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:08:21

Subject	Absolute objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Warren Birki
Sent	11/05/2021 2:08:21 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am writing to express my anger and extreme concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

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Yours sincerely,

Warren Birki

Berrilee, New South Wales, 2159, Australia

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Birkinshaw, Graham – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:22:11

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Graham Birkinshaw
Sent	11/05/2021 3:22:11 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Graham Birkinshaw

Red Head, New South Wales, 2430, Australia

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Black, Linda – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 09:36:00

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Linda Black
Sent	12/05/2021 9:36:00 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Linda Black

Knoxfield, Victoria, 3180, Australia

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Blackburn, Susan – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 17:40:21

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From	Susan Blackburn
Sent	13/05/2021 5:40:21 PM

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Susan Blackburn

Glenburn, Victoria, 3717, Australia

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Blackmore, Elizabeth – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:47:03

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:47:03 PM

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Blackwell, Raman – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:20:53

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From	Raman Blackwell
Sent	11/05/2021 12:20:53 PM

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Blair, Sally – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 20:22:34

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Sally Blair
Sent	12/05/2021 8:22:34 PM

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Sally Lair

Albert Park, Victoria, 3206, Australia

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Blakers, Caroline – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 23:32:40

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From	Caroline Blakers
Sent	11/05/2021 11:32:40 PM

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Blamey, Kathryn – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:35:12

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:35:12 PM

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Bland, Peter – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 14:05:12

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Blyth, John – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 06:16:53

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Sent	12/05/2021 6:16:53 AM

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Yours sincerely,
John Blyth
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New South Wales, 2444, Australia

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Blythe, Joanne – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:47:32

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From	Joanne Blythe
Sent	11/05/2021 12:47:32 PM

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Bodenham, Keitha – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:37:10

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Keitha Bodenham
Sent	11/05/2021 5:37:10 PM

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Boettcher, Annemarie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:05:40

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From	Annemarie Boettcher
Sent	11/05/2021 6:05:40 PM

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Dolphin Heads, Queensland, 4740, Australia

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Boke, Gus – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 09:45:30

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From	Gus Boke
Sent	17/05/2021 9:45:30 AM

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gus boke

Marrickville, New South Wales, 2204, Australia

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Boke, Gustavo – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 12:01:50

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From	Gustavo Boke
Sent	13/05/2021 12:01:50 PM

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Bond, Brett – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:39:49

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From	Brett Bond
Sent	11/05/2021 12:39:49 PM

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What are you thinking?

Environmentally this process is disastrous and economically it doesn't make sense as renewable produce increasingly cheaper options.

Australia's support and expansion of carbon based energies is embarrassing. We will soon become the dumping ground of antiquated technology.

Lead this country into the future instead of anchoring it to the past.

Yours sincerely,
Brett Bond

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Bond, Rae – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 14:16:36

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From	Rae Bond
Sent	14/05/2021 2:16:36 PM

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Rae Bond
Cape Schanck, Victoria, 3939, Australia

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Bonifacd, Jo – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 08:20:19

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From	Jo Bonifacd
Sent	12/05/2021 8:20:19 AM

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Jo Bonifacé

Nightcliff, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Booker, Leigh – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:23:08

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Leigh Booker
Sent	11/05/2021 12:23:08 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Leigh Booker
Adamstown, New South Wales, 2289, Australia

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Booth, Ed – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:54:23

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From	Ed Booth
Sent	11/05/2021 6:54:23 PM

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Ed Booth

Coolangatta, Queensland, 4225, Australia

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Bosher, Valerie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 21:23:15

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From	Valerie Bosher
Sent	11/05/2021 9:23:15 PM

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This is a fundamental travesty for the Indigenous people, the environment and the very future of our water security!

Yours sincerely,

Valerie Boshier

Aratula, New South Wales, 2714, Australia

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Bourke, Elizabeth – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:03:36

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From	Elizabeth Bourke
Sent	11/05/2021 12:03:36 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Elizabeth Bourke
New South Wales, 2850, Australia

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Bourke, Tony – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 07:14:18

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From	Tony Bourke
Sent	13/05/2021 7:14:18 AM

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Narrabri West, New South Wales, 2390, Australia

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Bourne, Judith – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:29:14

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From	Judith Bourne
Sent	11/05/2021 1:29:14 PM

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Judith Bourne

Harman, Australian Capital Territory, 2600, Australia

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Bowden, S – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:52:14

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From	S Bowden
Sent	11/05/2021 1:52:14 PM

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S Bowden
Nightcliff, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Boyd, ANNE – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 23:06:21

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From	ANNE Boyd
Sent	11/05/2021 11:06:21 PM

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ANNE Boyd

Balaclava, Victoria, 3183, Australia

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Boyd, Karyn – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 00:58:14

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Karyn Boyd
Sent	17/05/2021 12:58:14 AM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

This proposal for seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental impacts. I'm concerned this fracking program is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants.

I believe the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project should be assessed at the Federal level, plus with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

The proposal includes 7 fracking wells and 6 new well pads. Fracking wells will be connected by a grid of roads and flow lines - pipelines carrying polluted waste fluid between frack sites. Well pads will be cleared, seismic lines cut across dry savannah woodland and traversing creeks. Pipelines and tracks will be constructed beside and over creeks.

In total, the proposal includes 150 hectares of land clearing. This clearing is not confined to a single area, but will scar a significant stretch of country. This will increase predation from feral animals and cause inundation by invasive species, which typically favour areas of disturbance.

Imperial is proposing to frack just 1.1km from a water bore. This is the minimum set back distance permitted, and does not leave much room for error. The Pepper Inquiry found that fracking within a kilometre of water bores poses an unacceptable risk of water contamination.

I'm very concerned about impacts on groundwater quality. The recent discovery of at least 11 new stygofauna species in the Cambrian Limestone Aquifer should trigger a halt to all fracking activity. Groundwater baseline testing and studies of aquifer connectivity must be completed. These new stygofauna species are crucial to keeping water clean and usable for us all. Fracking activities may put these species and groundwater at risk.

This fracking work schedule coincides with peak tourism season. The adverse economic impacts and road safety issues have not been properly considered. There are significant movements of holiday makers and cattle trucks along the Carpentaria Highway during the dry season. Increased traffic from the fracking fields, including heavy and oversized vehicles, puts other travellers at risk.

The transport of chemicals, radioactive mud and fracking waste fluids via pipelines and trucks and their storage in open treatment tanks in a cyclone pathway presents a contamination risk. The proposed works area is in close proximity to the Limmen Bight River, which flows into Limmen Bight Marine National Park. There is a risk of fluids spilt during storage and transport flowing into the Limmen Bight.

Many of the essential details regarding well integrity, i.e. what the wells will be made of, and what steps Empire Energy would take to mitigate the risk of well degradation or failure are only detailed in the Well Operations Management Plan (WOMP). The WOMP hasn't even been completed and the Plan will not be released to the public nor the Environment Minister. This secrecy regarding the details of well construction and operation is dangerous and a clear breach of the Pepper Inquiry's call for transparency.

Finally, I express my strong opposition to any Territory or Federal government funding being issued to Imperial/ Empire Energy to advance the proposed Work Program for EP187. Empire Energy is seeking government financial support through the Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program to advance this works program, yet has not shown good faith in releasing essential details of its proposed operations in EP187 to public scrutiny.

This fracking project must be subject to the full Federal assessment process and a Territory Environmental Impact Assessment.

Yours sincerely,
Karyn Boyd

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Boyle, John – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:55:53

Subject	I strongly object to the proposed Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	John Boyle
Sent	11/05/2021 1:55:53 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am deeply concerned regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by associate Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

This proposal for seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental may not be receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants.

Furthermore, it seems that the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project should be assessed at the Federal level, plus with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

The proposal includes 7 fracking wells and 6 new well pads. All fracking wells will be connected by a grid of roads and flow lines - pipelines carrying polluted waste fluid between frack sites. Well pads will be cleared, seismic lines cut across dry savannah woodland and traversing creeks. Pipelines and tracks will be constructed beside and over creeks.

Moreover, the proposal includes 150 hectares of land clearing. This clearing is not confined to a single area, but will scar a significant stretch of country. This will increase predation from feral animals and cause inundation by invasive species, which typically favour areas of disturbance.

This proposal includes fracking operations just 1.1km from a water bore. This is the minimum set back distance permitted, and does not leave much room for error. The Pepper Inquiry found that fracking within a kilometre of water bores poses an unacceptable risk of water contamination.

Additionally, I am very perturbed about impacts on groundwater quality. The recent discovery of at least 11 new stygofauna species in the Cambrian Limestone Aquifer should trigger a halt to all fracking activity. Groundwater baseline testing and studies of aquifer connectivity must be completed. These new stygofauna species are crucial to keeping water clean and usable for us all. Fracking activities may put these species and groundwater at risk.

This fracking work schedule coincides with peak tourism season. The adverse economic impacts and road safety issues have not been properly considered. There are significant movements of holiday makers and cattle trucks along the Carpentaria Highway during the dry season. Increased traffic from the fracking fields, including heavy and oversized vehicles, puts other travellers at risk.

The transport of chemicals, radioactive mud and fracking waste fluids via pipelines and trucks and their storage in open treatment tanks in a cyclone pathway presents a contamination risk. The proposed works area is in close proximity to the Limmen Bight River, which flows into Limmen Bight Marine National Park. There is a risk of fluids spilt during storage and transport flowing into the Limmen Bight.

Many of the essential details regarding well integrity, i.e. what the wells will be made of, and what steps Empire Energy would take to mitigate the risk of well degradation or failure are only detailed in the Well Operations Management Plan (WOMP). The WOMP hasn't even been completed and the Plan will not be released to the public nor the Environment Minister. This secrecy regarding the details of well construction and operation is dangerous and a clear breach of the Pepper Inquiry's call for transparency.

Finally, I express my strong opposition to any Territory or Federal government funding being issued to Imperial/ Empire Energy to advance the proposed Work Program for EP187. Empire Energy is seeking government financial support through the Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program to advance this works program, yet has not shown good faith in releasing essential details of its proposed operations in EP187 to public scrutiny.

This fracking project must be subject to the full Federal assessment process and a Territory Environmental Impact Assessment.

Yours sincerely,

John Boyle

Denistone West, New South Wales, 2114, Australia

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Bracken, Georgina – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 11:48:36

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Georgina Bracken
Sent	14/05/2021 11:48:36 AM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

This proposal for seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental impacts. I'm concerned this fracking program is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants.

I believe the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project should be assessed at the Federal level, plus with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

The proposal includes 7 fracking wells and 6 new well pads. Fracking wells will be connected by a grid of roads and flow lines - pipelines carrying polluted waste fluid between frack sites. Well pads will be cleared, seismic lines cut across dry savannah woodland and traversing creeks. Pipelines and tracks will be constructed beside and over creeks.

In total, the proposal includes 150 hectares of land clearing. This clearing is not confined to a single area, but will scar a significant stretch of country. This will increase predation from feral animals and cause inundation by invasive species, which typically favour areas of disturbance.

Imperial is proposing to frack just 1.1km from a water bore. This is the minimum set back distance permitted, and does not leave much room for error. The Pepper Inquiry found that fracking within a kilometre of water bores poses an unacceptable risk of water contamination.

I'm very concerned about impacts on groundwater quality. The recent discovery of at least 11 new stygofauna species in the Cambrian Limestone Aquifer should trigger a halt to all fracking activity. Groundwater baseline testing and studies of aquifer connectivity must be completed. These new stygofauna species are crucial to keeping water clean and usable for us all. Fracking activities may put these species and groundwater at risk.

This fracking work schedule coincides with peak tourism season. The adverse economic impacts and road safety issues have not been properly considered. There are significant movements of holiday makers and cattle trucks along the Carpentaria Highway during the dry season. Increased traffic from the fracking fields, including heavy and oversized vehicles, puts other travellers at risk.

The transport of chemicals, radioactive mud and fracking waste fluids via pipelines and trucks and their storage in open treatment tanks in a cyclone pathway presents a contamination risk. The proposed works area is in close proximity to the Limmen Bight River, which flows into Limmen Bight Marine National Park. There is a risk of fluids spilt during storage and transport flowing into the Limmen Bight.

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Finally, I express my strong opposition to any Territory or Federal government funding being issued to Imperial/ Empire Energy to advance the proposed Work Program for EP187. Empire Energy is seeking government financial support through the Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program to advance this works program, yet has not shown good faith in releasing essential details of its proposed operations in EP187 to public scrutiny.

This fracking project must be subject to the full Federal assessment process and a Territory Environmental Impact Assessment.

Yours sincerely,

Georgina Bracken

Tennant Creek, Northern Territory, 0860, Australia

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Bradley, John – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:40:13

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	John Bradley
Sent	11/05/2021 5:40:13 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

This proposal for seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental impacts. I'm concerned this fracking program is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants.

I believe the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project should be assessed at the Federal level, plus with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

The proposal includes 7 fracking wells and 6 new well pads. Fracking wells will be connected by a grid of roads and flow lines - pipelines carrying polluted waste fluid between frack sites. Well pads will be cleared, seismic lines cut across dry savannah woodland and traversing creeks. Pipelines and tracks will be constructed beside and over creeks.

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I'm very concerned about impacts on groundwater quality. The recent discovery of at least 11 new stygofauna species in the Cambrian Limestone Aquifer should trigger a halt to all fracking activity. Groundwater baseline testing and studies of aquifer connectivity must be completed. These new stygofauna species are crucial to keeping water clean and usable for us all. Fracking activities may put these species and groundwater at risk.

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Finally, I express my strong opposition to any Territory or Federal government funding being issued to Imperial/ Empire Energy to advance the proposed Work Program for EP187. Empire Energy is seeking government financial support through the Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program to advance this works program, yet has not shown good faith in releasing essential details of its proposed operations in EP187 to public scrutiny.

This fracking project must be subject to the full Federal assessment process and a Territory Environmental Impact Assessment.

Yours sincerely,
John Bradley
Baskerville, Western Australia, 6056, Australia

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Bradstock, Margaret – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 15:11:54

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Margaret Bradstock
Sent	12/05/2021 3:11:54 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

This proposal for seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental impacts. I'm concerned this fracking program is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants.

I believe the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project should be assessed at the Federal level, plus with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

The proposal includes 7 fracking wells and 6 new well pads. Fracking wells will be connected by a grid of roads and flow lines - pipelines carrying polluted waste fluid between frack sites. Well pads will be cleared, seismic lines cut across dry savannah woodland and traversing creeks. Pipelines and tracks will be constructed beside and over creeks.

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I'm very concerned about impacts on groundwater quality. The recent discovery of at least 11 new stygofauna species in the Cambrian Limestone Aquifer should trigger a halt to all fracking activity. Groundwater baseline testing and studies of aquifer connectivity must be completed. These new stygofauna species are crucial to keeping water clean and usable for us all. Fracking activities may put these species and groundwater at risk.

This fracking work schedule coincides with peak tourism season. The adverse economic impacts and road safety issues have not been properly considered. There are significant movements of holiday makers and cattle trucks along the Carpentaria Highway during the dry season. Increased traffic from the fracking fields, including heavy and oversized vehicles, puts other travellers at risk.

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Finally, I express my strong opposition to any Territory or Federal government funding being issued to Imperial/ Empire Energy to advance the proposed Work Program for EP187. Empire Energy is seeking government financial support through the Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program to advance this works program, yet has not shown good faith in releasing essential details of its proposed operations in EP187 to public scrutiny.

This fracking project must be subject to the full Federal assessment process and a Territory Environmental Impact Assessment.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Bradstock

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Brady, Kerry – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:38:08

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Kerry Brady
Sent	11/05/2021 7:38:08 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

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I believe the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project should be assessed at the Federal level, plus with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

The proposal includes 7 fracking wells and 6 new well pads. Fracking wells will be connected by a grid of roads and flow lines - pipelines carrying polluted waste fluid between frack sites. Well pads will be cleared, seismic lines cut across dry savannah woodland and traversing creeks. Pipelines and tracks will be constructed beside and over creeks.

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I'm very concerned about impacts on groundwater quality. The recent discovery of at least 11 new stygofauna species in the Cambrian Limestone Aquifer should trigger a halt to all fracking activity. Groundwater baseline testing and studies of aquifer connectivity must be completed. These new stygofauna species are crucial to keeping water clean and usable for us all. Fracking activities may put these species and groundwater at risk.

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Yours sincerely,
Kerry Brady
Camp Hill, Queensland, 4152, Australia

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Brain, Caddie – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 12:09:57

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Caddie Brain
Sent	19/05/2021 12:09:57 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

This proposal for seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental impacts. I'm concerned this fracking program is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants.

I believe the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project should be assessed at the Federal level, plus with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

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This fracking project must be subject to the full Federal assessment process and a Territory Environmental Impact Assessment.

Yours sincerely,
Caddie Brain
Waratah, New South Wales, 2298, Australia

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Braithwaite, Alicia – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 21:14:56

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Alicia Braithwaite
Sent	12/05/2021 9:14:56 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

Surely, 'our' government has noticed the sun blazes over the Northern Territory, and the wind blows fiercely. This government could be making millions by advertising Australia as the world's 'big battery', run on nature's daily renewables. How blind to let such an opportunity fly past while devastating land and water not owned by this or any government but by the people of this planet? What a rare opportunity Australia has to lead the rest of the world in alternative sources of energy.

This proposal for seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental impacts. I'm concerned this fracking program is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants.

I believe the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project should be assessed at the Federal level, plus with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

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Yours sincerely,

Alicia Braithwaite

Newnes, New South Wales, 2790, Australia

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Bramwell, Josh – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:06:56

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Josh Bramwell
Sent	11/05/2021 4:06:56 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Josh Bramwell

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Branagan, Wendy – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 18:46:01

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Wendy Branagan
Sent	17/05/2021 6:46:01 PM

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I may live a long way away, but I have visited NT and found it to be an amazing place. Why allow it to be wrecked, piece by fracking piece?

I do not want fracking to become commonplace anywhere in Australia.

No tax payer money to go to frackers.

Yours sincerely,

Wendy Branagan

Blackburn North, Victoria, 3130, Australia

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Breidahl, Sibella – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 08:26:31

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Sibella Breidahl
Sent	18/05/2021 8:26:31 AM

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Brennan, Sarah – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:09:43

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Sarah Brennan
Sent	11/05/2021 12:09:43 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Sarah Brennan

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Brett, Suzanne – Saturday, 15 May 2021 – 00:05:47

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Suzanne Brett
Sent	15/05/2021 12:05:47 AM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

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Yours sincerely,
Suzanne Brett
Grey River, Victoria, 3234, Australia

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Brew, Jill – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 08:13:04

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jill Brew
Sent	18/05/2021 8:13:04 AM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am very very concerned about the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187. This is horribly depressing to write about, but please find objections below,

Seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory?

I'm concerned this fracking program is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants. It will have significant unfolding and spreading environmental impacts.

I believe the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project should be assessed at the Federal level, plus with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

The intrusion on land is significant. The proposal includes 7 fracking wells and 6 new well pads. Fracking wells will be connected by a grid of roads and flow lines - pipelines carrying polluted waste fluid between frack sites. Well pads will be cleared, seismic lines cut across dry savannah woodland and traversing creeks. Pipelines and tracks will be constructed beside and over creeks.

There's the matter of land clearing inviting in invasive species.

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Why is the Territory's precious precious water being endangered in this cavalier way? Imperial is proposing to frack just 1.1km from a water bore. This is the minimum set back distance permitted, and does not leave much room for error. The Pepper Enquiry found that fracking within a kilometre of water bores poses an unacceptable risk of water contamination.

New discoveries about how our land and water operates are being made all the time. We don;t know it all yet. Stygofauna species that keep water clean and usable are now in the spotlight. The recent discovery of at least 11 new stygofauna species in the Cambrian Limestone Aquifer should trigger a halt to all fracking activity. Groundwater baseline testing and studies of aquifer connectivity must be completed. These new stygofauna species are crucial to keeping water clean. Fracking activities may put these species and groundwater at risk.

Then there's the contamination risk. Transport of chemicals, radioactive mud and fracking waste fluids via pipelines and trucks and their storage in open treatment tanks in a cyclone pathway presents a contamination risk. The proposed works area is in close proximity to the Limmen Bight River, which flows into Limmen Bight Marine National Park. There is a risk of fluids spilt during storage and transport flowing into the Limmen Bight.

Why are things not out in the open? Many details of how the integrity of wells will be secured are not available for the public (who are subsidising exploration).. What will the wells will be made of, and what steps will Empire Energy take to mitigate the risk of well degradation or failure? They are only detailed in the (stil incomplete) Well Operations Management Plan (WOMP) which will not be released to the public nor the Environment Minister. Isn't this a clear breach of the Pepper enquiry's call for transparency? This secrecy regarding the details of well construction and operation is dangerous.

Lastly, the matter of funding: Funding should not be put towards Imperial/Empire Energy advancing this proposed Work Program for EP187. Empire Energy is seeking government financial support through the Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program, yet has not shown good faith in releasing essential details of its proposed operations in EP187 to public scrutiny.

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Yours sincerely,

Jill Brew

Alice Springs, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Bricknell, Geoffrey – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:09:33

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Geoffrey Bricknell
Sent	11/05/2021 1:09:33 PM

To the Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

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Yours sincerely,

Geoffrey Bricknell

Lilydale, Victoria, 3140, Australia

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Brister, Keith – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 23:05:37

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Keith Brister
Sent	11/05/2021 11:05:37 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Keith Brister

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Bristow, Yvonne – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:17:33

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Yvonne Bristow
Sent	11/05/2021 1:17:33 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Yvonne Bristow

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Broadbent, Ken – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:15:37

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Ken Broadbent
Sent	11/05/2021 12:15:37 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Ken Broadbent
Bakers Beach, Tasmania, 7307, Australia

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Brookes, Susan – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 09:41:30

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Susan Brookes
Sent	13/05/2021 9:41:30 AM

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I have had gas heating in my home for 40 years, in Melbourne. I have recently purchased a new gas heater, only to learn that gas is going to be phased out for domestic use. I cannot believe that fracking for gas is to service the domestic market. If Australian citizens are trying hard to save the environment by making personal sacrifices (the new gas heater cost me half my disposable annual income) then I don't appreciate any government selling our natural environment out to global corporations just to make a quick buck.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Brookes

Box Hill South, Victoria, 3128, Australia

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Broug, Gwenyth – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 12:43:48

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Gwenyth Broug
Sent	19/05/2021 12:43:48 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

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Yours sincerely,
Gwenyth Broug

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Brown, Amy – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:54:58

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Amy Brown
Sent	11/05/2021 2:54:58 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Amy Brown
Queens Domain, Tasmania, 7000, Australia

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Brown, Anne – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:34:30

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Anne Brown
Sent	11/05/2021 12:34:30 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Anne Brown
Otford, New South Wales, 2508, Australia

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Brown, Josephine – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:26:03

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Josephine Brown
Sent	11/05/2021 3:26:03 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Josephine Brown

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Brown, Susan – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:40:26

Subject	Vehement objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Susan Brown
Sent	11/05/2021 5:40:26 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I write to express my strongly held opinion that the clearing and fracking activity proposed in the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy on Exploration Permit 187 should not be allowed to go ahead.

Adding seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have a damaging impact especially because of its significant combined environmental impacts. The regulators should be going through this proposal with a fine-toothed comb. Its potential damage to the environment must be calculated in detail with reference to its potential to poison groundwater, pollute surface water, impair wild landscapes, and threaten wildlife. I am afraid that this proposal for a fracking program is going to be rushed through by short-sighted politicians with no thought or understanding about its impacts.

I believe the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process and should be assessed at the Federal level with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

This infrastructure for this proposal (including seven fracking wells and six new well pads) will negatively affect a large area of pristine country. Providing this infrastructure will involve building a grid of roads and flow lines (pipelines carrying polluted waste fluid between frack sites), clearing of land for well pads, seismic lines being cut across dry savanna woodland and traversing creeks, and pipelines and tracks being constructed beside and over creeks. Since we are at present suffering an extinction event of mammoth proportions, I think that the cost to animal lives and the environment caused by the construction and use of these unsightly items must be grounds enough for refusing this proposal.

The clearing of 150 hectares of land not just at one site will scar a significant stretch of country. This will attract feral animals and invasive species, which typically colonise areas of disturbance.

In Australia, water is a precious resource (and likely to become increasingly so) and the fact that Imperial is proposing to frack just 1.1 km from a water bore poses a significant risk that water will be contaminated. This is the minimum set back distance permitted in spite of the fact that the Pepper Inquiry found that fracking within a kilometre of water bores poses an unacceptable risk of water contamination.

Groundwater quality is of paramount importance. A recent expedition funded by CSIRO's GISERA found at least 11 new stygofauna species in the Cambrian Limestone Aquifer. The discovery of these tiny creatures and the possibility that many more remain to be discovered should trigger a halt to all fracking activity. Groundwater baseline testing and studies of aquifer connectivity must be completed. These new stygofauna species are crucial to keeping

water clean and usable for us all. Fracking activities may put these species and groundwater at risk.

Tourism activity is at its peak at the time this fracking work is planned to be underway and traffic activity along the Carpentaria Highway during the dry season increases. Still more traffic from the fracking fields, including heavy and oversized vehicles, will put other travellers at risk. The adverse economic impacts and road safety issues must be recognised and have not been properly considered.

In addition, the fact that the area is in a cyclone pathway raises the possibility that chemicals, radioactive mud and fracking waste fluids in pipelines and trucks or in open storage could cause significant contamination. Both the Limmen Bight River, which flows into Limmen Bight Marine National Park and the Limmen Bight itself could be contaminated by fluids spilt during storage and transport.

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In addition, I state my strong opposition to any Territory or Federal government funding being issued to Imperial/ Empire Energy to advance the proposed Work Program for EP187. Empire Energy has not shown good faith in by releasing essential details of its proposed operations in EP187 to public scrutiny yet is seeking government financial support through the Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program to advance this works program. This must be denied.

In conclusion, in proposing the biggest shale fracking proposal ever seen in the NT Empire Energy is trying to get away with only a minimal environmental management plan. This must not be approved.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Brown

Tea Gardens, New South Wales, 2324, Australia

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Brown, Victoria – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 22:44:13

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Victoria Brown
Sent	19/05/2021 10:44:13 PM

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Buchanan, James – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:44:52

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:44:52 PM

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James Buchanan

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Buckland, Susan – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:03:47

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From	Susan Buckland
Sent	11/05/2021 12:03:47 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Susan Buckland
Seaford, Victoria, 3198, Australia

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Budde, Andrea – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 14:52:14

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Andrea Budde
Sent	12/05/2021 2:52:14 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Andrea Budde

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Bull, Judith – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:55:39

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From	Judith Bull
Sent	11/05/2021 8:55:39 PM

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Bunic, Svetlana – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 19:46:38

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From	Svetlana Bunic
Sent	13/05/2021 7:46:38 PM

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Bureau, Georges – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 05:23:11

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From	Georges Bureau
Sent	13/05/2021 5:23:11 AM

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Burger-Medway, Jennifer – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:35:16

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jennifer Burger-Medway
Sent	11/05/2021 2:35:16 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Burger-Medway

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Burgher, William – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:11:35

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	William Burgher
Sent	11/05/2021 5:11:35 PM

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Yours sincerely,

William Burgher

Collingwood Park, Queensland, 4301, Australia

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Burns, Neville – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 11:17:31

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Neville Burns
Sent	12/05/2021 11:17:31 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Neville Burns

Lawson, New South Wales, 2783, Australia

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Burry, Helga – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:13:05

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Helga Burry
Sent	11/05/2021 1:13:05 PM

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Helga Burry

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Burstall, Marie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:37:40

Subject	No fracking - protect our environment. Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Marie Burstall
Sent	11/05/2021 5:37:40 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Marie Burstall

Cleveland, Queensland, 4163, Australia

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Burt, Melanie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:17:21

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Melanie Burt
Sent	11/05/2021 12:17:21 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Melanie Burt

Varsity Lakes, Queensland, 4227, Australia

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Burt, Robert – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:51:54

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:51:54 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Robert Burt

Whyalla DC, South Australia, 5600, Australia

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Butler, Keith – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:37:43

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From	Keith Butler
Sent	11/05/2021 4:37:43 PM

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Buttery, KYM – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:42:11

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From	KYM Buttery
Sent	11/05/2021 3:42:11 PM

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Yours sincerely,

KYM Buttery

South Australia, 5680, Australia

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Butwilowski, Witold – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:38:47

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Witold Butwilowski
Sent	11/05/2021 12:38:47 PM

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Witold Butwilowski

Fayetteville, Arkansas, 72701, United States

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Sent	7/05/2021 4:22:31 PM

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Surname: <Confidential>

Email address: *****

Country: Australia

Postcode: 4217

Phone number: *****

Stakeholder type: Community

Feedback

Activity you are providing feedback on: Imperial Oil & Gas Pty Ltd ***** EP187
Work Program Environment Management Plan

Category type: Flora and fauna, Water, Waste Management, Climate change,
Chemicals

If other, please specify::

Comments: You are creating climate chaos and ruining groundwater. Stop

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Byrnes, Megan – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 07:35:33

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Megan Byrnes
Sent	12/05/2021 7:35:33 AM

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Dual submission

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Sent	14/05/2021 1:08:39 PM

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Byrom, Suzana – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:01:06

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From	Suzana Byrom
Sent	11/05/2021 5:01:06 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Suzana Byrom

WattleGrove, Western Australia, 6107, Australia

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C, M – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 09:11:40

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From	M C
Sent	12/05/2021 9:11:40 AM

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M C

Benloch, Victoria, 3435, Australia

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Caffel, Robyn – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:52:57

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Sent	11/05/2021 5:52:57 PM

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Robyn Caffel

Bittern, Victoria, 3918, Australia

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Calder, Lisa – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 09:18:18

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From	Lisa Calder
Sent	14/05/2021 9:18:18 AM

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Callahan, Irene – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:27:58

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From	Irene Callahan
Sent	11/05/2021 12:27:58 PM

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Cameron, Marcille – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:00:15

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From	Marcille Cameron
Sent	11/05/2021 4:00:15 PM

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Marcille Cameron

Summer Hill, New South Wales, 2130, Australia

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Cameron, Peter – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:20:56

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From	Peter Cameron
Sent	11/05/2021 1:20:56 PM

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If you have no children no grandchildren and don't care for any life apart from your wallet - go ahead - destroy the place and all of us as well.

Yours sincerely,
peter cameron

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Campbell, David – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 08:53:40

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From	David Campbell
Sent	12/05/2021 8:53:40 AM

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Campbell, Kathleen – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 17:18:55

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From	Kathleen Campbell
Sent	12/05/2021 5:18:55 PM

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Campbell, Sandra – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:57:56

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:57:56 PM

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Sandra Campbell

Winfield, Queensland, 4670, Australia

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Cannon, Ian – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:04:02

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Sent	11/05/2021 4:04:02 PM

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Cannon, James – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:03:40

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Capurso, Martina – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 08:17:25

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From	Martina Capurso
Sent	13/05/2021 8:17:25 AM

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Carbery, Doug – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:21:47

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Doug Carbery
Sent	11/05/2021 8:21:47 PM

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Doug Carbery

Cobbitty, New South Wales, 2570, Australia

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Carland, Sue – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 11:48:33

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Sent	11/05/2021 11:48:33 AM

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Sue Carland

Perth, Western Australia, 6000, Australia

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Carlisle, Christine – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:30:48

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From	Christine Carlisle
Sent	11/05/2021 12:30:48 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Christine Carlisle
Holland Park West, Queensland, 4121, Australia

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Carlyle, Bev – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:47:12

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From	Bev Carlyle
Sent	11/05/2021 6:47:12 PM

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Bev Carlyle

New South Wales, 2469, Australia

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Caroline, Alex – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 10:36:53

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From	Alex Caroline
Sent	18/05/2021 10:36:53 AM

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Alex Caroline

White Gums, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Carr, Neale – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:19:50

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From	Neale Carr
Sent	11/05/2021 1:19:50 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Neale Carr

Gellibrand Lower, Victoria, 3237, Australia

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Sent	11/05/2021 1:55:05 PM

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And on a personal note this type of industry has already been proven world wide as destructive to not only the environment but the surrounding communities and I strongly disagree with my hard earned tax money being used to prop up this industry when other more eco-friendly energy industries are viable.

Yours sincerely,
Wenda-Lee Carrie
Kenwick, Western Australia, 6107, Australia

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Carroll, Anara – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 15:53:52

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Anara Carroll
Sent	13/05/2021 3:53:52 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

This may be primarily a form letter containing details but ,I really want to state at the outset that I am very concerned by the whole issue of fracking and it's highly detrimental effect on the environment, and most particularly our precious and life giving water.

In my opinion it would be negligence on a massive scale for this project to go ahead, given the many serious environmental problems we already have. Please do not allow this, for our children and their children.

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Anara Carroll

Mullumbimby, New South Wales, 2482, Australia

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Carroll, Linda – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:51:26

Subject	Profound objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Linda Carroll
Sent	11/05/2021 12:51:26 PM

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As an international citizen who understands the importance of Australia's environment to the world, I express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

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Linda Carroll

Spokane, Washington, 99205, United States

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Carvalho, Natacha – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 22:26:44

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Natacha De Carvalho
Sent	19/05/2021 10:26:44 PM

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Cashman, Robert – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:39:15

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From	Robert Cashman
Sent	11/05/2021 2:39:15 PM

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Cass, Pauline – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 10:28:34

Subject	Extremely strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Pauline Cass
Sent	12/05/2021 10:28:34 AM

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Pauline Cass

Girraween, Northern Territory, 0836, Australia

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Castello, Linda – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:55:14

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Linda Dal Castello
Sent	11/05/2021 7:55:14 PM

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Castree, Julie – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 19:31:38

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From	Julie Castree
Sent	12/05/2021 7:31:38 PM

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Julie Castree

Bli Bli, Queensland, 4560, Australia

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Causer, Frances – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 12:27:32

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Sent	12/05/2021 12:27:32 PM

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Caves, Karen – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 06:03:09

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From	Karen Caves
Sent	13/05/2021 6:03:09 AM

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Valla, New South Wales, 2448, Australia

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Cavicchioli, Rick – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:04:47

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Rick Cavicchioli
Sent	11/05/2021 1:04:47 PM

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Chaloupka, Eve – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 17:24:21

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Eve Chaloupka
Sent	14/05/2021 5:24:21 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Eve Chaloupka

Darwin DC, Northern Territory, 0820, Australia

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Chambers, Alice – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 20:59:11

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Alice Chambers
Sent	13/05/2021 8:59:11 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Alice Chambers

Brunswick, Victoria, 3056, Australia

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Chan, Vania – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:55:27

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From	Vania Chan
Sent	11/05/2021 1:55:27 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Vania Chan

Oatley, New South Wales, 2223, Australia

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Chanas, Michael – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 08:36:36

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Michael Chanas
Sent	12/05/2021 8:36:36 AM

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Michael Chanas

Ormeau, Queensland, 4208, Australia

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Chandler, Peter – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:38:51

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From	Peter Chandler
Sent	11/05/2021 2:38:51 PM

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Chapman, Jean – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:09:05

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From	Jean Chapman
Sent	11/05/2021 12:09:05 PM

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Jean Chapman

Blackstone Heights, Tasmania, 7250, Australia

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Chapman, Kathryn – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:21:02

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:21:02 PM

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Kathryn Chapman

Glenbrook, New South Wales, 2773, Australia

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Chapman, Rose – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 13:29:05

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Rose Chapman
Sent	18/05/2021 1:29:05 PM

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Rose Chapman

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Chappell, Nicole – Saturday, 15 May 2021 – 12:50:20

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Nicole Chappell
Sent	15/05/2021 12:50:20 PM

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Your government funded a scientific inquiry to examine the facts and understand what would need to be done to safeguard the territory from environmental contamination. As you can see from the government website linked below these have not been implemented and thus expose our population and country to the catastrophic impacts that fracking has been shown to impose. This lack of regulation will encourage these companies to cut corners and exploit our country of its resources without accountability.

<https://hydraulicfracturing.nt.gov.au/>

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Chase, Duane – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 20:34:51

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From	Duane Chase
Sent	19/05/2021 8:34:51 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Duane Chase

Western Australia, 0872, Australia

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Chelo, Paris – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 11:20:39

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From	Paris Chelo
Sent	19/05/2021 11:20:39 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Paris Chelo

Nightcliff, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Chenoweth, Ron – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 22:49:39

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From	Ron Chenoweth
Sent	12/05/2021 10:49:39 PM

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Chester, Leonie – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 08:11:28

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From	Leonie Chester
Sent	12/05/2021 8:11:28 AM

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Yours sincerely,
Leonie Chester
Newmerella, Victoria, 3886, Australia

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Cheyne, Alistair – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 20:05:24

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From	Alistair Cheyne
Sent	19/05/2021 8:05:24 PM

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Chiffey, Russell – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:10:50

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From	Russell Chiffey
Sent	11/05/2021 8:10:50 PM

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Russell Chiffey

Sherwood, New South Wales, 2450, Australia

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Simon Chinner

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Chismar, Nancy – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:04:11

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From	Nancy Chismar
Sent	11/05/2021 12:04:11 PM

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Christie, Jean – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:11:27

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From	Jean Christie
Sent	11/05/2021 2:11:27 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Jean Christie

Hawthorn, Victoria, 3122, Australia

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Chute, Ron – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:07:09

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From	Ron Chute
Sent	11/05/2021 3:07:09 PM

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Claff, Jack – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 12:08:16

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From	Jack Claff
Sent	13/05/2021 12:08:16 PM

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Clancy, Errol – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 22:01:55

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From	Errol Clancy
Sent	11/05/2021 10:01:55 PM

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Sefton, New South Wales, 2162, Australia

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Clancy, Lilli – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 12:42:22

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From	Lilli Clancy
Sent	12/05/2021 12:42:22 PM

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Clark, Shaun – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 17:41:18

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From	Shaun Clark
Sent	12/05/2021 5:41:18 PM

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Shaun Clark

Eighty Mile Beach, Western Australia, 6725, Australia

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Clarke, Marion – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 07:33:20

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From	Marion Clarke
Sent	12/05/2021 7:33:20 AM

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Clarke, Richard – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 22:34:09

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From	Richard Clarke
Sent	11/05/2021 10:34:09 PM

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Clemens, Helen – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 21:19:42

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From	Helen Clemens
Sent	12/05/2021 9:19:42 PM

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Leichhardt, New South Wales, 2040, Australia

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Clews, Valerie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:36:14

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From	Valerie Clews
Sent	11/05/2021 3:36:14 PM

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Umina Beach, New South Wales, 2257, Australia

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Clough, Claire – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 10:01:24

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Sent	12/05/2021 10:01:24 AM

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Clucas, Annabelle – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 22:51:10

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Sent	11/05/2021 10:51:10 PM

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Co, Brooke – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:51:30

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Cochrane, Stephanie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:15:24

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From	Stephanie Cochrane
Sent	11/05/2021 4:15:24 PM

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White Gums, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Cocking, Jimmy – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 23:26:41

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Sent	11/05/2021 11:26:41 PM

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Col, Cat – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:05:18

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From	Cat Col
Sent	11/05/2021 3:05:18 PM

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cat col

Carss Park, New South Wales, 2221, Australia

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Coleman, Jane – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 15:39:24

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jane Coleman
Sent	19/05/2021 3:39:24 PM

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Jane Coleman

White Gums, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Coleman, Robyn – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:26:56

Subject	STRONG objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Robyn Coleman
Sent	11/05/2021 12:26:56 PM

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Coles, Nicola – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 09:45:02

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From	Nicola Coles
Sent	18/05/2021 9:45:02 AM

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Nicola Coles

Thornbury, Victoria, 3071, Australia

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Collett, Leon – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 11:16:01

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Leon Collett
Sent	13/05/2021 11:16:01 AM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

There should be no fracking allowed anywhere as it is the most destructive method of getting any form of gas. Plus it leaves behind mass amounts of pollution, we have enough solutions to deal with, so let's put a stop to this right now and forever.

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Colliar, Celia – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 15:17:21

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Celia Colliar
Sent	12/05/2021 3:17:21 PM

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Collings, Sue – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:00:41

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From	Sue Collings
Sent	11/05/2021 4:00:41 PM

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Collins, Adele – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 08:23:48

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From	Adele Collins
Sent	12/05/2021 8:23:48 AM

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Adele Collins
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Collins, Anthony – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 14:31:53

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From	Anthony Collins
Sent	19/05/2021 2:31:53 PM

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Anthony Collins

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Collins, Sophie – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 09:11:59

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Sophie Collins
Sent	14/05/2021 9:11:59 AM

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Finally, I urge you to consider renewable and sustainable methods, and First Nations voices appealing to care for Country, when considering the overall direction of funding and policy for ongoing energy projects in the Northern Territory, which is already seeing devastating impacts of climate change on the health of its vulnerable people.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Sophie Collins

Alice Springs, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Collins, Suzanne – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 17:50:26

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From	Suzanne Collins
Sent	12/05/2021 5:50:26 PM

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Coltman, Graeme – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 23:11:32

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From	Graeme Coltman
Sent	11/05/2021 11:11:32 PM

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Colwill, Geoffrey – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 06:39:07

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From	Geoffrey Colwill
Sent	12/05/2021 6:39:07 AM

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Compain, Shane – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 21:25:36

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From	Shane Compain
Sent	19/05/2021 9:25:36 PM

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Comyn, Antonio – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:47:45

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From	Antonio Comyn
Sent	11/05/2021 1:47:45 PM

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antonio comyn
Wirrimbi, New South Wales, 2447, Australia

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Conlan, Elizabeth – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 10:59:49

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From	Elizabeth Conlan
Sent	14/05/2021 10:59:49 AM

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Connard, Janette – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 00:12:04

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Janette Connard
Sent	19/05/2021 12:12:04 AM

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Yours sincerely,

janette Connard

Black Rock, Victoria, 3193, Australia

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Connolly, Niall – Sunday, 16 May 2021 – 07:07:08

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Niall Connolly
Sent	16/05/2021 7:07:08 AM

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Connor, Kerrie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:57:02

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From	Kerrie Connor
Sent	11/05/2021 6:57:02 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Kerrie Connor

Beechworth, Victoria, 3747, Australia

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Conomos, Emanuel – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:14:15

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From	Emanuel Conomos
Sent	11/05/2021 4:14:15 PM

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Emanuel Conomos

Wentworth Falls, New South Wales, 2782, Australia

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Conroy, Bodil – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 08:47:15

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Bodil Conroy
Sent	12/05/2021 8:47:15 AM

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Bodil Conroy

Moulden, Northern Territory, 0830, Australia

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Contratista, Elizabeth – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 15:59:05

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From	Elizabeth Contratista
Sent	17/05/2021 3:59:05 PM

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Elizabeth Contratista

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Convey, Tony – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:21:10

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From	Tony Convey
Sent	11/05/2021 12:21:10 PM

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Conway, Caitlin – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:58:19

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From	Caitlin Conway
Sent	11/05/2021 4:58:19 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Caitlin Conway

Nightcliff, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Cook, Marian – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:23:33

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Marian Cook
Sent	11/05/2021 3:23:33 PM

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Marian Cook

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Cook, Peter – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:58:13

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Peter Cook
Sent	11/05/2021 2:58:13 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the fact that the NT government is allowing/encouraging the development of more gas fields at a time when we should be focus all new energy development around renewables.

I am also concerned about the adequacy of the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

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Cook, Peter – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:05:59

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From	Peter Cook
Sent	11/05/2021 6:05:59 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Peter Cook

Berwick, Victoria, 3806, Australia

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Cook, Susan – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 11:51:54

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From	Susan Cook
Sent	11/05/2021 11:51:54 AM

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Yours sincerely,
Susan Cook
Scotts Creek, Victoria, 3267, Australia

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Cooke, Heather – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:22:16

Subject	Fracking will destroy the Water Table.
From	Heather Cooke
Sent	11/05/2021 12:22:16 PM

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I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

I do not understand how these destructive proposals see the light of day, though of course money talks.

We have so little water yet here is another environmentally unsound scheme which will. cause pollution and alteration to the water table. , not to mention Environmental impacts on Flora and Fauna.

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Heather Cooke

Mornington, Victoria, 3931, Australia

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Cooke, Janis – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 10:06:26

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Janis Cooke
Sent	19/05/2021 10:06:26 AM

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Clemant, Queensland, 4816, Australia

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Cooper, Rosalind – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 16:03:24

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From	Rosalind Cooper
Sent	14/05/2021 4:03:24 PM

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Rosalind Cooper

Baldivis, Western Australia, 6171, Australia

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Cooper, Sylvia – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:47:22

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From	Sylvia Cooper
Sent	11/05/2021 12:47:22 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Sylvia Cooper

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Cooper, Wal – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 01:10:54

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Wal Cooper
Sent	12/05/2021 1:10:54 AM

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Yours sincerely,
Wal Cooper
New South Wales, 2620, Australia

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Cooper-Ritter, Robert – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 12:54:54

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From	Robert Cooper-Ritter
Sent	12/05/2021 12:54:54 PM

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Robert Cooper-Ritter

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Coorey, Suraya – Sunday, 16 May 2021 – 11:09:31

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Suraya Coorey
Sent	16/05/2021 11:09:31 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Suraya Coorey

Woy Woy Bay, New South Wales, 2256

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Copes, Timothy – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:31:50

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From	Timothy Copes
Sent	11/05/2021 12:31:50 PM

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Timothy Copes

Burradoo, New South Wales, 2576, Australia

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Corben, Roger – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:29:51

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From	Roger Corben
Sent	11/05/2021 8:29:51 PM

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Roger Corben
Mullumbimby, New South Wales, 2482, Australia

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Cornthwaite, Tamara – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 20:46:16

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Tamara Cornthwaite
Sent	19/05/2021 8:46:16 PM

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Tamara Cornthwaite

White Gums, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Corrigan, Sean – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:09:04

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:09:04 PM

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Sean Corrigan

Clifton Beach, Queensland, 4879, Australia

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Costa, Josephine – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 06:37:47

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From	Josephine De Costa
Sent	12/05/2021 6:37:47 AM

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Cotgrove, Brian – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:19:37

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From	Brian Cotgrove
Sent	11/05/2021 2:19:37 PM

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Cotton, Sally – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:21:39

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From	Sally Cotton
Sent	11/05/2021 3:21:39 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Sally Cotton

Nightcliff, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Coumbe, Evan – Saturday, 15 May 2021 – 17:50:49

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From	Evan Coumbe
Sent	15/05/2021 5:50:49 PM

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Cowden, Lucinda – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:11:16

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Sent	11/05/2021 5:11:16 PM

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Cowley, Hugh – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:31:50

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:31:50 PM

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Cowling, Kelston – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:52:55

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From	Kelston Gunn Cowling
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Cowling, Ray – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:48:03

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Cox, Gail – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 06:07:07

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Sent	14/05/2021 6:07:07 AM

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Yours sincerely,
Gail Cox
Huron Creek, Victoria, 3691, Australia

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Cox, Jan – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:29:22

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jan Cox
Sent	11/05/2021 12:29:22 PM

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Jan Cox
Thornlands, Queensland, 4164, Australia

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Cox, Wendy – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:51:01

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Wendy Cox
Sent	11/05/2021 2:51:01 PM

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Wendy Cox

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Craig, Russell – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 10:03:55

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Russell Craig
Sent	19/05/2021 10:03:55 AM

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Yours sincerely,
Russell Craig
Darwin DC, Northern Territory, 0820, Australia

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Cramer, Tricia – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 08:00:20

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Tricia Cramer
Sent	12/05/2021 8:00:20 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Tricia Cramer

White Gums, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Crane, Shirley – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 11:36:46

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Shirley Crane
Sent	14/05/2021 11:36:46 AM

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Crawford-Condle, Roberta – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:26:27

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Roberta Crawford-Condle
Sent	11/05/2021 4:26:27 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Ken and Roberta Crawford-Condie
Newport, Victoria, 3015, Australia.

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Crawley, Joan – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:02:38

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Joan Crawley
Sent	11/05/2021 5:02:38 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Joan Crawley

• Katoomba DC, New South Wales, 2780, Australia

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CREVOLA, AMY – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 19:24:32

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	AMY CREVOLA
Sent	12/05/2021 7:24:32 PM

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AMY CREVOLA

Melbourne, Victoria, 3004, Australia

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Crocetti, Gemma – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:35:55

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Gemma Crocetti
Sent	11/05/2021 3:35:55 PM

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Gemma Crocetti

Nightcliff, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Croft, Elizabeth – Saturday, 15 May 2021 – 09:14:10

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Elizabeth Croft
Sent	15/05/2021 9:14:10 AM

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Elizabeth Croft
Molonglo, Australian Capital Territory, 2611, Australia

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Croker, Brian – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:25:21

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From	Brian Croker
Sent	11/05/2021 4:25:21 PM

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Brian Croker

Canoelands, New South Wales, 2157, Australia

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Crombach, Hardy – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:14:19

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From	Hardy Crombach
Sent	11/05/2021 12:14:19 PM

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Hardy Crombach

Ashfield, New South Wales, 2131, Australia

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Crosbie, Alina – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 09:41:34

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Alina Crosbie
Sent	12/05/2021 9:41:34 AM

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Cross, Kerri – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 07:49:03

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From	Kerri Cross
Sent	17/05/2021 7:49:03 AM

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Kerri Cross

Bakers Beach, Tasmania, 7307, Australia

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Crosweller, David – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:26:30

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From	David Crosweller
Sent	11/05/2021 7:26:30 PM

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Crump, Gary – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:02:46

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Gary Crump

Petersham, New South Wales, 2049, Australia

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Crump, Ross – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 10:28:19

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From	Ross & Crump
Sent	12/05/2021 10:28:19 AM

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Cruz, Marian – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 08:13:36

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From	Marian Cruz
Sent	12/05/2021 8:13:36 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Marian Cruz

Hollister, California, 95023, United States

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Cryer, Brian – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:27:57

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From	Brian Cryer
Sent	11/05/2021 2:27:57 PM

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Cugley, Yvonne – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:13:33

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From	Yvonne Cugley
Sent	11/05/2021 3:13:33 PM

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Yvonne Cugley

New South Wales, 2642, Australia

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Cullen, Joelle – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 11:59:49

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From	Joelle Cullen
Sent	14/05/2021 11:59:49 AM

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Cummins, Josephine – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:03:25

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From	Josephine Cummins
Sent	11/05/2021 12:03:25 PM

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Josephine Cummins
Aubin Grove, Western Australia, 6164, Australia

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Cummins, Nikki – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 11:28:10

Subject	Serious Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Nikki Cummins
Sent	12/05/2021 11:28:10 AM

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Winston Hills
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Cupitt, Ursula – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:34:31

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From	Ursula Cupitt
Sent	11/05/2021 8:34:31 PM

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Curi, Patrizia – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:43:00

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Patrizia Curi
Sent	11/05/2021 1:43:00 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Patrizia curi

St Pauls, New South Wales, 2031, Australia

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Curnock, Andrew – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:10:51

Subject	Very strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Andrew Curnock
Sent	11/05/2021 12:10:51 PM

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I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

So far I have yet to see your office perform its function in protecting any environmental assets of note or make decisions that aren't solely in the interests of fossil fuel companies. This is deeply disappointing.

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Yours sincerely,

Andrew Curnock

Pinjarra Hills, Queensland, 4069, Australia

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Curry, Jan – Saturday, 15 May 2021 – 10:15:42

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jan Curry
Sent	15/05/2021 10:15:42 AM

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Yours sincerely,
Jan Curry
Riverhills, Queensland, 4074, Australia

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Curtis, Brendan – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 20:22:37

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Brendan Curtis
Sent	12/05/2021 8:22:37 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Brendan Curtis
Trigg, Western Australia, 6029, Australia

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Curtis, Dale – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:46:31

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From	Dale Curtis
Sent	11/05/2021 12:46:31 PM

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Dale Curtis
New South Wales, 2350, Australia

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Cutter, Philippa – Monday, 24 May 2021 – 11:02:31

Subject	I have strong objections to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP because of the unacceptable risks to clean water, stygofauna species, unacceptable landclearing damage, pollution, Marine Park damage, and road and economic impacts.
From	Philippa Cutter
Sent	24/05/2021 11:02:31 AM

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Philippa Cutter, East Lismore, New South Wales, 2480, Australia

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D'Bras, Julie – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 07:24:08

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Julie D'Bras
Sent	14/05/2021 7:24:08 AM

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White Gums, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Dafg, Tjgfh – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:44:48

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From	Tjgfh Dafg
Sent	11/05/2021 1:44:48 PM

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Daisley, Norma – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 13:21:15

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From	Norma Daisley
Sent	13/05/2021 1:21:15 PM

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Mosman, New South Wales, 2088, Australia

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Dale, Anthony – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 10:14:14

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From	Anthony Dale
Sent	12/05/2021 10:14:14 AM

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Daley, Andrew – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 14:28:19

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Sent	12/05/2021 2:28:19 PM

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Dalman, Andreas – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:26:55

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From	Andreas Dalman
Sent	11/05/2021 12:26:55 PM

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I should not have to remind you all that once water disappears into fractures in the earth, is is polluted and land is contaminated by the awful fracking process it is too late to do anything to remediate and rehabilitate the site.

Our water, Country and heritage is too precious to risk in this way!

Yours sincerely,

Andreas Dalman

Earlwood, New South Wales, 2206, Australia

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Daly, Patricia – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:52:58

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From	Patricia Daly
Sent	11/05/2021 3:52:58 PM

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Dammenhayn, Julian – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 09:50:32

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From	Julian Dammenhayn
Sent	14/05/2021 9:50:32 AM

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Fairfield, Victoria, 3078, Australia

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Daniels, Helen – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:06:09

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Helen Daniels
Sent	11/05/2021 5:06:09 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Helen Daniels

North Maleny, Queensland, 4552, Australia

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<Confidential> – Thursday, 06 May 2021 – 18:13:35

Subject	DENR - Consultation Form - 1002868
From	<Confidential>
Sent	6/05/2021 6:13:35 PM

Contact details

First name: <Confidential>

Surname: <Confidential>

Email address: *****

Country: Australia

Postcode: 0838

Phone number:

Stakeholder type: Landholder/occupier

Feedback

Activity you are providing feedback on: Imperial Oil & Gas Pty Ltd ***** EP187
Work Program Environment Management Plan

Category type: Social and cultural, Flora and fauna, Water, Chemicals

If other, please specify::

Comments: On behalf of the Traditional Owners of Balbarini we do not and have never given consent to fracking on our Country.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is <Confidential>. I am Nulanyma skin and I am Rrumbirriya clan. My other name is <Confidential> and I am a Traditional Owner for Balbarini (freehold) and Mukumpala (Native Title) parts of the traditional country of the Gudanji peoples of the northeastern Barkly Tablelands. I am writing with the permission, and at the request, of my family and so have their full support.

The above two areas of our traditional country were 'returned' to us in the 1990s. I am Nimirinki, which means that I can speak for my country. This kinship status has been and is identified in the anthropological investigation conducted by Northern Land Council to support the original submission for the return of our Country.

The most senior members of our family, who are authorised to make decisions regarding our country, and who have both asked that I write this letter, are Katie Baker and Peggy Mawson. The situation we currently find ourselves in is causing these two senior women extreme worry and is impacting their wellbeing given the Country we are referring to is women's country and NLC insist on speaking to junior women and to men who do not have the right to speak for that place.

I am writing on behalf of my family to request an urgent investigation and intervention into current and proposed gas mining and fracking activity on our Country. We understand that Empire Gas has been given approval by the Northern Territory Government to construct a gas well and frack on our freehold Country. We understand that there has been further approval to expand this to eight wells, connected by pipelines, roads, tailings dams and other heavy infrastructure – which will have a devastating impact upon our place. Additionally, it will certainly impact our family's capacity to continue to conduct and perform traditional cultural activities on our land and has the potential to destroy sacred sites. The probable impact on the water table is beyond terrifying. We have never agreed to Empire undertaking exploration on our land, let alone drill and frack; indeed, our family has not been part of the conversation in this regard.

Our family has been excluded from the consultation and approval process for this activity. We believe that this exclusion has been a deliberate and calculated attempt by the Northern Land Council (NLC) to prevent our voices from being heard. We have had a frustrating relationship with the NLC since our land was returned three decades ago. Our family's desire has always been to maintain Country and minimise the impact of mining and pastoral exploitation. To this end, we have previously voiced resistance to mining and large pastoral leases which have the capacity to damage our country. Our history with the NLC includes being excluded from meetings regarding decisions affecting our country: Meetings are held without notification, despite multiple avenues of communication being provided by ourselves to the NLC. Additionally, the NLC has gained 'approval' from people who have no right to speak for our country, to circumvent due process and any objections from the rightful traditional owners. This is a pattern of behaviour that has persisted over the last few decades and which we have been

powerless to stop – despite numerous letters, e-mails and phone calls, and meetings with politicians and lawyers. Put simply, the NLC is too large and protected, financially and politically, for us to be fight them alone.

The current crisis has brought matters to a head. We require urgent review of the current and proposed gas extraction activities on our country. To this end, we are voicing our loud and collective objection toward the activity, believing that due process has not been followed, and ask for a complete halt to activity whilst a thorough and appropriate investigation is undertaken.

We do not ask for favourable treatment simply that the voices of those who have the authority to speak for Country are given the opportunity to be heard. Due diligence has not been part of the NLC process, and they refuse to follow protocols claimed to be their way of engaging with Aboriginal peoples.

We respectfully request your urgent intervention.

Kind regards,

<Confidential>
(<Confidential>)

Darr, Melissa – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 16:14:41

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Melissa Darr
Sent	19/05/2021 4:14:41 PM

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Melissa Darr

White Gums, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Davey, Roger – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:58:48

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From	Roger Davey
Sent	11/05/2021 12:58:48 PM

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Roger Davey

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Davey, Tania – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 23:13:27

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Tania Davey
Sent	13/05/2021 11:13:27 PM

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Davidson, Kerry – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 09:18:33

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Kerry Davidson
Sent	12/05/2021 9:18:33 AM

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Davie, A – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:26:15

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Sent	11/05/2021 3:26:15 PM

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A Davie

Henley Brook, Western Australia, 6055, Australia

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Davies, David – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 21:32:35

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Davies, Kalu – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 11:55:49

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Kalu Davies
Sent	18/05/2021 11:55:49 AM

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Mona Mona, Queensland, 4881, Australia

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Davies, Shelley – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:03:23

Subject	VERY Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Shelley Davies
Sent	11/05/2021 12:03:23 PM

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Shelley Davies
West Leederville, Western Australia, 6007, Australia

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Davies, Tashi – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:41:22

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From	Tashi Davies
Sent	11/05/2021 12:41:22 PM

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Tashi Davies

• Katoomba DC, New South Wales, 2780, Australia

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Davies, Tim – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:00:59

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From	Tim Davies
Sent	11/05/2021 1:00:59 PM

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Tim Davies
Eneabba, Western Australia, 6518, Australia

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Davies, Wal – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:18:48

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From	Wal Davies
Sent	11/05/2021 12:18:48 PM

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Davis, Debbie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:47:43

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From	Debbie Davis
Sent	11/05/2021 7:47:43 PM

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Davis, Ellen – Sunday, 16 May 2021 – 04:49:03

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From	Ellen Davis
Sent	16/05/2021 4:49:03 AM

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Davis, Essie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:50:13

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:50:13 PM

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Davis, William – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:01:28

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	William Davis
Sent	11/05/2021 12:01:28 PM

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William Davis

Cockatoo, Victoria, 3781, Australia

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Dawes, Michel – Sunday, 16 May 2021 – 20:21:58

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From	Michel Dawes
Sent	16/05/2021 8:21:58 PM

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Michel Dawee
Newport, New South Wales, 2106, Australia

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Dawson, Margaret – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 06:40:09

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From	Margaret Dawson
Sent	12/05/2021 6:40:09 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Margaret Dawson

North Warrandyte, Victoria, 3113, Australia

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Dawson, Melanie – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 10:13:32

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From	Melanie Dawson
Sent	13/05/2021 10:13:32 AM

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Deane, Ron – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:43:43

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Sent	11/05/2021 1:43:43 PM

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Ron Deane

Riverhills, Queensland, 4074, Australia

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Deans, Ella – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 16:27:32

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Ella Deans
Sent	19/05/2021 4:27:32 PM

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Ella Deans
Darwin DC, Northern Territory, 0820, Australia

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Deary, Francis – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 21:17:56

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From	Francis Deary
Sent	11/05/2021 9:17:56 PM

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Francis Deary

Pearsall, Western Australia, 6065, Australia

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Deaves, Kay – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:53:36

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Kay Deaves

Brassall, Queensland, 4305, Australia

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Deveson, Mary-Louise – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 08:56:32

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From	Mary-Louise Deveson
Sent	13/05/2021 8:56:32 AM

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Mary-Louise Deveson

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Dexter, Rob – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 12:03:17

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Diacono, James – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:27:27

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Sent	11/05/2021 3:27:27 PM

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James Diacono

Nightcliff, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Diane, Hazel – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 10:21:23

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From	Hazel Diane
Sent	12/05/2021 10:21:23 AM

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Corlette, New South Wales, 2315, Australia

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Dickson, Tony – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 22:19:47

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Sent	19/05/2021 10:19:47 PM

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Dierich, Hendrik – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:20:15

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From	Hendrik Dierich
Sent	11/05/2021 1:20:15 PM

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Euroa, Victoria, 3666, Australia

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Dilley, Russell – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 22:30:34

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From	Russell Dilley
Sent	17/05/2021 10:30:34 PM

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Binningup, Western Australia, 6233, Australia

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Doepgen, Monika – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:57:44

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Yours sincerely,
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Donohue, Diane – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:22:41

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Sent	11/05/2021 3:22:41 PM

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Doolan, Gabrielle – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:46:03

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Dorgan, Darrell – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:25:01

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Sent	11/05/2021 4:25:01 PM

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Doyle, Jorgen – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:07:54

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White Gums, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Doyle, Jorgen – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 08:21:26

Subject	Submission concerning EP187
From	Jorgen Asmussen Doyle
Sent	19/05/2021 8:21:26 AM

To whom it may concern,

Find attached the Central Australian Frack Free Alliance's submission on Imperial Oil's proposed works program *****.

Sincere regards,

CAFFA

Attached Documents

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We, the Central Australian Frack Free Alliance (CAFFA), are writing to express our deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on country 85 kms southwest of Borrooloola as part of their proposed 2021-2025 works program.

About CAFFA:

CAFFA is a grassroots community group located in Mparntwe/ Alice Springs and organising to protect the NT's water, health, communities and country from the harms of unconventional gas extraction. We have been active over the last six years in raising awareness within the Alice Springs and Central Australian community about the risks posed by this poorly regulated and inherently dangerous industry. We are calling for transparency, clarity, and independent scientific research, as well as thorough community consultation.

Our work, which is largely conducted by volunteers, has seen CAFFA engaging with the community through market stalls, letterboxing, community surveying and other social events. This extensive engagement has furnished us with a solid understanding of the mood of the Alice Springs community on this issue. As a result of our activity, as well as that of similar grassroots and environmental groups in the top end, fracking was a major election issue in 2020, a clear indication of the widespread distrust towards this industry in the NT.

Our Concerns:

Imperial Oil and Gas' proposal for 7 new fracking wells in the McArthur Basin will have significant combined environmental impacts. We are deeply concerned that this fracking program is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants. We believe the term "exploration" is being misapplied by Imperial Oil in an effort to avoid full environmental scrutiny. To our understanding, there is little difference between exploration and production in terms of the potential for social and environmental harm.

Exploration implies a minimised environmental footprint, but Imperial Oil's proposal is anything but this. The proposal includes 7 fracking wells and 6 new well pads. Fracking wells will be connected by a grid of roads and flow lines - pipelines carrying polluted waste fluid between frack sites. Well pads will be cleared, seismic lines cut across dry savannah woodland and traversing creeks. Pipelines and tracks will be constructed beside and over creeks.

To cut costs, Imperial is proposing to store waste water containing harmful surfactants in open ponds, in direct contradiction to recommendation 7.12 of the Pepper Inquiry. This presents significant risks to biodiversity in the region.

The inadequacy of the Imperial's EMP is further evidenced by the reliance on Desktop Surveys to gather data for risk assessments given that it is made clear in the Pepper Inquiry that the region can only be described as data deficient which means the desktop analysis is of little or no value for informing a risk assessment. The SREBA research needs to be available to inform consultation and

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Risk to Groundwater Quality:

Imperial is, in our view, outlandishly proposing to frack just 1.1km from a water bore. The Pepper Inquiry found that fracking within a kilometre of water bores poses an unacceptable risk of water contamination. We are sceptical that the extra 100 metres added by Imperial represents a significant reduction in the risk of contamination by fracking chemicals. Furthermore, the bare minimum set back distance permitted by the Pepper Inquiry is already clearly outdated in light of the findings of recent stygofauna research in the Beetaloo Basin, which revealed groundwater connectivity over hundreds of kilometres¹.

These are also the shallowest wells yet to be fracked in the NT, one at just 1095 metres down. This means that there is less distance between the fracking layer and the groundwater layer.

As we learnt while writing a recent submission addressing the Alice Springs Water Allocation Plan 5 year review, there remains a significant knowledge and regulatory gap in terms of groundwater connectivity across the NT and how to safeguard groundwater supply. With regard to the McArthur Basin, where Imperial Oil intends to frack, Imperial Oil's own submission to the Pepper Inquiry states that:

In the [McArthur Basin Central Trough] region there is likely to be some degree of connection between the fractured rock aquifers, karstic carbonate aquifers and the basal sandstone of the Cretaceous sediments. However, there is no data to demonstrate or quantify these processes².

The release of the preliminary water study elements of the SREBA provide evidence that stygofauna are present in the Cambrian Limestone Aquifer in the Beetaloo Basin including the Gum Ridge Formation³.

¹ CSIRO press release, Tiny New Species Discovered as Scientists' Outback Fishing Trip Bags Exotic Catch

² Imperial Oil and Gas Pty Ltd, submission 1163, page 22

³ Gavin Rees, Stefanie Oberprieler, Daryl Nielsen, Garth Watson, Michael Shackleton and Jenny Davis, (2020) Characterisation of the stygofauna and microbial assemblages of the Beetaloo Sub-basin, Northern Territory. GISERA project number: W18. December 2020

The stygofauna present in the Gum Ridge Aquifer and the Cambrian Limestone system require a much more detailed analysis before any processes that might impact on their population are undertaken.

Further, the eDNA analysis of the prawn species *Parisia unguis* shows the systems are highly connected and pollutants can move over a significant distance.

The presence of this species, ranging across a geographic distance of ~300 km, and the low genetic divergence (maximum 3.9% in COI and 3.29% in 16s RNA gene) among specimens indicate groundwater connectivity in recent times⁴.

There are serious concerns not just with horizontal movements of water transporting fracking chemicals, but also with well corrosion, caused by sulfate-reducing bacteria and sulphur-oxidizing bacteria (SOB) known to be in the Beetaloo Basin and likely in the McArthur Basin as well⁵, leading to vertical inter-aquifer contamination.

The hypersaline nature of the deep aquifers and the high temperature further raises concerns about the integrity of the wells with both deep corrosion risks and closer to surface risks. There is a major concern among stakeholders that integrity failure will connect the hypersaline deep aquifers like the Moroak to beneficial fresh water systems like the Gum Ridge aquifer. This poses a massive risk to the human and animal use of the region in the medium and long term and is clearly a breach of ESD principle of intergenerational equity.

The future risks imposed on Territorians and other economic sectors are completely inappropriate and are a clear breach of the EPBC act provisions relating to Environmentally Sustainable Development (ESD) and the precautionary principle. The Samuels report⁶ clearly articulates the failures of jurisdictions such as the NT to enforce the EPBC act and its embedded principles. The NT Government espouses the ESD principles as the guiding principles in its decision making in relation to the processes around fracking yet it does not appear to be implementing these principles. The principles must be applied to the review of this EMP.

There are wild discrepancies across the NT with regard to no-go zones for petroleum and gas exploration intended to safeguard groundwater quality. In the Alice Springs water control district, for instance, petroleum and gas exploration activities are prohibited within 10 kilometres of town bore fields. Given how little is known, by Imperial Oil's own admission, of groundwater connectivity within the McArthur Basin, we consider fracking within 1.1 kilometres of existing water bores to pose an unacceptable risk.

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⁶ Samuel, G 2020, Independent Review of the EPBC Act—Interim Report, Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, Canberra.

The SREBA process mandated by the Pepper Inquiry and encompassing baseline groundwater quality and connectivity testing is at present confined exclusively to the Beetaloo Basin on the assumption that most fracking activity in the NT would occur in this region. However we are seeing the biggest fracking proposal in the NT to date occurring in the McArthur Basin, where no such studies are being undertaken, and existing data is inadequate for the scale of proposed development. We contend that all fracking activity, including exploration, within this basin should be prohibited until a detailed SREBA process has been completed for the region.

Biodiversity Risks:

CAFFA is extremely concerned about Imperial's plans to store wastewater fluid and toxic chemical flowback fluid in open air waste ponds. This practice directly contradicts recommendation 7.12 of the Pepper Inquiry and presents significant risks to biodiversity in the region.

The work done on the birdlife assessment is inadequate. Data deficient systems cannot be relied upon for desktop surveys. This is especially the case where endangered species are concerned, as they are in low numbers anyway. Gouldian finches, grey falcons and crested shrike tits have all been reported in the region in recent times by bird watching groups. It is simply not good enough to rely on desktop and related techniques when dealing with an area where the Pepper Inquiry specifically said more research needed to be done to inform decision making.

The evaporation process means concentrations of chemicals and other pollutants will be increased in the open air ponds. It is impossible to prevent birds from accessing these toxic open air ponds. We do not want to discover that bird species are in the area when their dead bodies are found in an evaporation pond.

Birds, especially honeyeaters and other species, dip bathe and drink on the wing. They would also be able to land on the slope of the liner covered banks. Most bird taxa have a gland at the base of the tail, the uropygial or preen gland. The oil it produces keeps the feathers flexible and assists the interlocking barbules to stay intact, thus forming a barrier that helps repel water and insulate the bird. In the case of waterbirds, preening oil helps them stay afloat, and without it birds may even drown. Chemicals like surfactants can alter the efficacy of waterproofing elements in their feathers, rendering them flightless and vulnerable to predation.

The fencing around freshwater storages and all other water needs to be frog proof, and not just have wildlife ladders installed. Native burrowing frogs are likely to try to access standing water. This highlights one of the risks relating to holding polluted water in open evaporation ponds in that it is likely to attract native species who cannot detect the pollutants. This includes elements like surfactants which are not a human health issue but a massive issue for many non-human species, especially amphibians.

There are many unknowns about this region's biodiversity. This is especially the case with endemic frogs. There is a need to determine the range of the water-holding frog *Litoria platycephala* and to determine whether the species in the McArthur/ Beetaloo area is in fact a different species.

The cane toad *Rhinella marina* is a major threat to a number of animal species, with population level declines documented (Doody 2004, 2006, 2009). Allowing open water storage pits will dramatically increase cane toad numbers in the region with broad biodiversity implications.

Many areas of the NT were originally thought to be too dry for cane toads to colonise but this has been shown to be incorrect. The main reason toads have been able to colonise large areas of semi-arid and arid NT is because of the use of open water storage in the cattle industry. The creation of such spaces for water and wastewater storage will enable cane toads to seek refuge and breed in the area. The local cane toad population would be massively increased if open water pits were introduced.

This is particularly destructive of varanid populations and other reptile species. Introducing standing water bodies into an area will not only cause the cane toad population to increase, but will result in cane toads breeding at the sites. This introduces a size class of cane toads into the area that would not be occurring without the water pits, which in turn causes dramatic declines and even local extinctions of smaller Varanid species and the juvenile stages of the larger Varanid species such as *V.panoptes*, *V.gouldii* and *V.mertensii*.

There are additional issues with the use of chemicals, and this puts the wastewater elements of this plan in a particularly high risk category. Surfactants and many other chemicals are especially toxic for frogs and have implications for other species such as birds. Even if the pits are emptied, there will be residues from waste water present which will most certainly impact wildlife.

Open water storages should be not allowed in line with recommendation 7.12 of the Pepper Inquiry. To allow these pits to be constructed will lead to dramatic and unacceptable changes in biodiversity and create enormous risks that would not be present if enclosed tanks were used.

Climate Implications:

Page 75 of the EMP shows that for the three years of proposed activities, the GHG emissions are approximately 77,500 tCO₂-e per year. Flaring and related activities from a new fossil fuel source are not appropriate when the IPCC is calling for no new fossil fuel deposits to be opened. There is also no information about how these will be offset and how they are compatible with NT government moves towards 2050 emissions targets.

The Fracking Inquiry⁷ estimated that large scale extraction of Beetaloo Basin Gas in the Northern Territory could add 40 million tonnes to Australia's emissions, equivalent to a 7% increase on current levels, plus another 60 million tonnes when it is consumed overseas. The larger cumulative effects of fracking the Beetaloo and McArthur Basins must be considered at each separate application stage, and each application for further drilling must state explicitly how the emissions it generates are going to be offset, to provide confidence that Fracking Inquiry recommendation 9.8: "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," is being fulfilled.

⁷ Dr Alan Andersen, Dr Vaughan Beck AM, Prof Brian Priestly, Dr David Ritchie, Dr Ross Smith, Prof Peta Ashworth, Prof Barry Hart AM, Dr David Jones (2018). Final Report of the Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory.

The NT government's Climate Change Response document notes that continued greenhouse gas emissions through fossil-fuel intensive industries will drive the following environmental and social impacts in the NT:

- Increased exposure to extreme weather events
- Increase in the number of extreme heat days; the intensity of tropical cyclones; more extreme fire behaviour; flooding; and the intensity and frequency of droughts
- Changes to freshwater availability
- Increased risk to human health and life
- Direct impacts to primary industries (e.g. risks to livestock; fisheries)
- Loss of biodiversity in the Northern Territory
- Natural ecosystems placed at high risk (e.g. extensive mangrove dieback and coral reef loss; loss of freshwater ecosystems; coastal erosion)
- Increase in sea level rise, ocean acidification, and extreme sea-level events

In the same document, the Hon. Eva Lawler, Minister for Climate Change, notes that "Climate change is already having an impact on Territorians' health, our economy, and our natural systems" and that "[a] climate change response is a responsible economic strategy"⁸.

The Minister for Climate Change must live up to her words and take the forces driving climate change and its impacts on the environment, economy, and human health seriously by referring Imperial Oil's proposal, which will clearly exacerbate the impacts mentioned above, for a full environmental impact assessment under section 50 of the Environmental Protection Act.

Imperial Oil's lack of transparency:

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Imperial's EMP must be rejected because its chemical use information is clearly inadequate. Firstly, Imperial's submission does not even provide an analysis of the chemicals to be used by the project as stated on page 2. This is woefully inadequate and the EMP needs to be updated with a real analysis. This is a clear case of a small player cutting corners to suit their timeframes and not doing the process properly.

In addition, we express our strong opposition to any Territory or Federal government funding being issued to Imperial/ Empire Energy to advance the proposed Work Program for EP187. Empire Energy is seeking government financial support through the Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program to

⁸ Northern Territory Climate Change Response, page 4.

advance this works program, yet has not shown good faith in releasing essential details of its proposed operations in EP187 for public and ministerial scrutiny.

Conclusion:

Imperial Oil's proposed 2021-2025 works program on EP187 must be subject to the full Federal assessment process and a Territory Environmental Impact Assessment. The EMP clearly breaches the principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD), which are the guiding principles of NTG policy in relation to such developments. The proposal's contribution to a net increase in GHG emissions in Australia, its risks to biodiversity and inter-aquifer contamination through well casing failure (not a matter of if but when), are consequences that will be suffered by future generations of Territorians and clearly breach the ESD principle of intergenerational equity. These principles must be applied to the review of this EMP.

Open air waste storage ponds pose an unacceptable risk to biodiversity within the region, and must not be allowed. Those at risk include several nationally listed threatened species: *Erythrura gouldiae* (Gouldian Finch) *Ardeotis australis* (Australian bustard) and the *Mesembriomys macrurus* (golden-backed tree rat). Waste ponds will provide breeding grounds for the cane toad *Rhinella marina* and are likely to dramatically increase their numbers, which will in turn lead to population decline in varanid populations and other reptile species.

The risks the project represents to groundwater quality within the McArthur Basin and the difficulties in even assessing its impacts on groundwater quality given the lack of significant baseline water testing in the region, the scale of the proposal in terms of climate pollution, and Imperial Oil's demonstrated unwillingness to submit its proposal for full scrutiny suggest that the Territory and Federal ministers for the environment and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie must treat this proposal with the utmost of caution.

Sincere regards, Central Australian Frack Free Alliance

Doyle, William – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 15:14:26

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From	William Doyle
Sent	13/05/2021 3:14:26 PM

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William Doyle

Mosman, New South Wales, 2088, Australia

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Dr, Angela – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:42:29

Subject	Stop the Fracking Please
From	Angela Munro Dr
Sent	11/05/2021 3:42:29 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Angela Munro

Carlton North, Victoria, 3054, Australia

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Drake, Garth – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:02:01

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Garth Drake
Sent	11/05/2021 6:02:01 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Garth Drake
White Gums, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Dravitski, Shirley – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 09:20:28

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Shirley Dravitski
Sent	17/05/2021 9:20:28 AM

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Dreher, Steve – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:05:24

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From	Steve Dreher
Sent	11/05/2021 1:05:24 PM

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Steve Dreher

North Walpole, Western Australia, 6398, Australia

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Dreher, Theres – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:52:32

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From	Theres Dreher
Sent	11/05/2021 1:52:32 PM

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Drew, Marie-Louise – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:30:59

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From	Marie-Louise Drew
Sent	11/05/2021 12:30:59 PM

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Marie-Louise Drew

Fairfield, Victoria, 3078, Australia

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Drinkwater, Fabienne – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:08:56

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From	Fabienne Drinkwater
Sent	11/05/2021 12:08:56 PM

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Duchesne, Denis – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:11:17

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From	Denis Duchesne
Sent	11/05/2021 3:11:17 PM

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Denis Duchesne
Acacia Gardens, New South Wales, 2763, Australia

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Duckworth, Kristin – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 11:54:14

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Kristin Duckworth
Sent	11/05/2021 11:54:14 AM

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Yours sincerely,
Kristin Duckworth
Ashbourne, Victoria, 3442, Australia

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Dudgeon, Zebedee – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 12:33:50

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Zebedee Dudgeon
Sent	19/05/2021 12:33:50 PM

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Darwin DC, Northern Territory, 0820, Australia

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Dudley, Lyle – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:43:29

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From	Lyle Dudley
Sent	11/05/2021 1:43:29 PM

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lyle dudley

Wilmington, South Australia, 5485, Australia

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Dudley-Smith, Richard – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:18:07

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Sent	11/05/2021 5:18:07 PM

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Duigu, Gabrielle – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:20:04

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:20:04 PM

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Gabrielle Duigu

Cammeray, New South Wales, 2062, Australia

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Dunbar, Ray – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:20:12

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From	Ray Dunbar
Sent	11/05/2021 1:20:12 PM

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Ray Dunbar

Bayswater, Western Australia, 6053, Australia

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Duncan, Sally – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 01:54:31

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Sally Duncan
Sent	14/05/2021 1:54:31 AM

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Dunshea, Cherie – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 18:46:16

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From	Cherie Dunshea
Sent	12/05/2021 6:46:16 PM

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cherie dunshea

Gympie, Queensland, 4570, Australia

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Dunstone, Kelsey – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 16:15:02

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Kelsey Dunstone
Sent	19/05/2021 4:15:02 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

People come to our country to appreciate many things, significantly the land and wildlife. Fracking compromises this - quite simple really.

What an utter disappointment to see the PM who should be, and is being begged to, lead the country to renewable energy have such a cop out to justify this new plant.

Your generations may not perhaps feel dramatic effects but mine and those younger/future generations do. Coal miners need to be adapting to renewable energy and supported in that process, if smokers say they don't want their right taken away to smoke we don't continue to subsidize the process and support it, we continue the phase out as much as possible. Let alone \$600 million to build a plant that will reek fossil fuels into the atmosphere and soils, when we have stranded Aussies still abandoned overseas and feeling stateless and unwanted, yet holding a wealth of unappreciated experience and knowledge they want to share with their country.

I have never been so upset with the Liberal party, who I have supported my whole life until the past few years, nor am I impressed with other parties being stereotypical cliches waiting for the other to speak to debate - instead of providing solutions. Farmland should not continue to be developed on until non-viable agricultural land is, and old buildings remodelled - again a simple solution to assist the agri region and protect our land to assist with tourism, quality of life, let alone the obvious slowing on climate change.

Climate change is not a future problem. We are pleading for basic common sense.

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Dwyer, Helen – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 10:29:18

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From	Helen Dwyer
Sent	12/05/2021 10:29:18 AM

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Dyer, John – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:02:13

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From	John Dyer
Sent	11/05/2021 12:02:13 PM

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Eagles, Skye – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:15:16

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:15:16 PM

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Earnshaw, Patricia – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:53:52

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From	Patricia Earnshaw
Sent	11/05/2021 3:53:52 PM

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Eaton, Martina – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:37:14

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From	Martina Eaton
Sent	11/05/2021 12:37:14 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Martina Eaton

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Eckermann, Robin – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:12:13

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Robin Eckermann
Sent	11/05/2021 3:12:13 PM

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Its time for the Government to embrace a clean energy future and redirect its policies to helping Australia become a leader rather than a laggard in the renewable energy field.

I appeal to you on behalf of my children and grandchildren (who will inherit the environment you are shaping) to block this initiative.

Yours sincerely,

Robin Eckermann AM

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Economides, Cristina – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 01:57:07

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Cristina Economides
Sent	12/05/2021 1:57:07 AM

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Edmonds, Heather – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 21:42:23

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From	Heather Edmonds
Sent	11/05/2021 9:42:23 PM

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Edwards, Dawn – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 09:01:11

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From	Dawn Edwards
Sent	12/05/2021 9:01:11 AM

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Yours sincerely,
Dawn Edwards
Gwelup DC, Western Australia, 6018, Australia

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Edwards, Geoff – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:37:21

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Geoff Edwards
Sent	11/05/2021 2:37:21 PM

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Yours sincerely,
geoff edwards
Helensvale, Queensland, 4212, Australia

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Edwards, Kathryn – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 23:38:50

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From	Kathryn Edwards
Sent	11/05/2021 11:38:50 PM

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Edwards, Suzanne – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 10:05:01

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Suzanne Edwards
Sent	19/05/2021 10:05:01 AM

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Suzanne Edwards

Northern Territory, 0852, Australia

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Edwards/Seydel, Jim/Margaret – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 –
17:45:49

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From	Jim/Margaret Edwards/Seydel
Sent	11/05/2021 5:45:49 PM

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Jim/Margaret Edwards/Seydel

Booyong, New South Wales, 2480, Australia

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Eeuwen, Anja – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:22:16

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Anja Van Eeuwen
Sent	11/05/2021 1:22:16 PM

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Yours,

Anja Laura

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Anja van Eeuwen

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Eggert, Alex – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 09:07:14

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Alex Eggert
Sent	12/05/2021 9:07:14 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Alex Eggert

Emungalan, Northern Territory, 0850, Australia

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Ekin, Hannah – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 11:12:14

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From	Hannah Ekin
Sent	11/05/2021 11:12:14 AM

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Hannah Ekin

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Elliott, Barbara – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:20:40

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From	Barbara Elliott
Sent	11/05/2021 12:20:40 PM

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Barbara Elliott

Terranora, New South Wales, 2486, Australia

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Elliott, Leena – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 23:13:48

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Leena Elliott
Sent	11/05/2021 11:13:48 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Leena Elliott
Freshwater, New South Wales, 2096, Australia

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Elliott, Patricia – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 09:16:49

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From	Patricia Elliott
Sent	12/05/2021 9:16:49 AM

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Patricia Elliott

Wistow, South Australia, 5251, Australia

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Elliott, Ray – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 12:59:40

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From	Ray Elliott
Sent	14/05/2021 12:59:40 PM

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Ray Elliott

Port Davis, South Australia, 5540, Australia

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Ellis, Paige – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 08:33:50

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Paige Ellis
Sent	18/05/2021 8:33:50 AM

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Elvery, Vera – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 10:01:10

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Vera Elvery
Sent	13/05/2021 10:01:10 AM

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Emery, Jane – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 14:27:16

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jane Emery
Sent	14/05/2021 2:27:16 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Jane Emery

Nightcliff, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Endicott, Daniel – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 05:58:05

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Daniel Endicott
Sent	12/05/2021 5:58:05 AM

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daniel endicott

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England, Lyndal – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 10:05:03

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Lyndal England
Sent	19/05/2021 10:05:03 AM

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Lyndal England

Darwin DC, Northern Territory, 0820, Australia

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Erian, Leanne – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:54:37

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Leanne Erian
Sent	11/05/2021 5:54:37 PM

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Errey, Catherine – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:06:40

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From	Catherine Errey
Sent	11/05/2021 5:06:40 PM

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Catherine Errey

Mortdale, New South Wales, 2223, Australia

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Ettinger, Sascha – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 07:34:07

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From	Sascha Ettinger
Sent	12/05/2021 7:34:07 AM

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Sascha Ettinger
Double Bay, New South Wales, 2028, Australia

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Evans, Bernadette – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:55:57

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From	Bernadette Evans
Sent	11/05/2021 12:55:57 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Bernadette Evans

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Evans, Bronwen – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:32:07

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From	Bronwen Evans
Sent	11/05/2021 12:32:07 PM

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Evans, Jennifer – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:04:25

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jennifer Evans
Sent	11/05/2021 6:04:25 PM

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Clean potable water is not given the protections that should be in place across the whole country and we have seen in other areas the impact fossil fuel extraction and inappropriate land use is having on the environment.

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Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Evans

New South Wales, 2648, Australia

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Evans, Noel – Sunday, 16 May 2021 – 09:20:59

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Noel Evans
Sent	16/05/2021 9:20:59 AM

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Evans, Phillip – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 10:16:05

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Phillip Evans
Sent	14/05/2021 10:16:05 AM

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Evans, Robyn – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:52:14

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From	Robyn Evans
Sent	11/05/2021 5:52:14 PM

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Every, David – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:20:31

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From	David Every
Sent	11/05/2021 1:20:31 PM

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On top of this - why do humans carry on with their ridiculous addiction to never ending growth, and destroying the planet as a result? it is pure insanity. One day, when its all gone, we will realise that we cannot eat money

Yours sincerely,
David Every
Pennant Hills, New South Wales, 2120, Australia

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Ewan, James – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 09:00:49

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	James Ewan
Sent	12/05/2021 9:00:49 AM

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James Ewan

Mullumbimby, New South Wales, 2482, Australia

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Extonpery, Lulu – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:15:58

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From	Lulu Extonpery
Sent	11/05/2021 3:15:58 PM

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Falardeau, L. – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 12:55:03

Subject	Objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	L. Falardeau
Sent	13/05/2021 12:55:03 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I have been made aware today of an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

I understand this to be a proposal for seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory. Fracking is known to have significant environmental impacts. I am concerned that this fracking program is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants.

I understand the project as follows:

1) The proposal includes 7 fracking wells and 6 new well pads. Fracking wells will be connected by a grid of roads and flow lines - pipelines carrying polluted waste fluid between frack sites. Well pads will be cleared, seismic lines cut across dry savannah woodland and traversing creeks. Pipelines and tracks will be constructed beside and over creeks.

Environmental impact:

1) In total, the proposal includes 150 hectares of land clearing. This clearing is not confined to a single area, but will scar a significant stretch of country. There is a risk that this will increase predation from feral animals and cause inundation by invasive species, which typically favour areas of disturbance.

2) Imperial is proposing to frack just 1.1km from a water bore. I understand this to be the minimum set back distance permitted. The Pepper Inquiry found that fracking within a kilometre of water bores poses an unacceptable risk of water contamination. I'm very concerned about impacts on groundwater quality. Groundwater baseline testing and studies of aquifer connectivity must be completed.

3) A recent discovery of at least 11 new stygofauna species in the Cambrian Limestone Aquifer. These new stygofauna species are crucial to keeping water clean and usable for us all. This should trigger a halt to all fracking activity. Fracking activities may put these species and groundwater at risk.

4) The proposed works area is in close proximity to the Limmen Bight River, which flows into Limmen Bight Marine National Park. There is a risk of fluids spilt during storage and transport flowing into the Limmen Bight.

Additional risks

1) Many of the essential details regarding well integrity, i.e. what the wells will be made of, and what steps Empire Energy would take to mitigate the risk of well degradation or failure are only detailed in the Well Operations Management Plan (WOMP).

2) The WOMP has not been completed and I understand the Plan will not be released to the public nor the Environment Minister. If true, this secrecy regarding the details of well construction and operation is dangerous and a clear breach of the Pepper Inquiry's call for transparency.

Finally, I express my opposition to any Territory or Federal government funding being issued to Imperial/ Empire Energy to advance the proposed Work Program for EP187. Empire Energy is seeking government financial support through the Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program to advance this works program, yet essential details of its proposed operations in EP187 has not been released to public scrutiny.

This fracking project must be subject to the full Federal assessment process and a Territory Environmental Impact Assessment.

Regards,

L. Falardeau

Lane Cove DC, New South Wales, 2066, Australia

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Family, Fiona – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:11:41

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Fiona Family
Sent	11/05/2021 12:11:41 PM

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I believe the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project should be assessed at the Federal level, plus with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

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Yours sincerely,

Fiona Family

Ashton, South Australia, 5137, Australia

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Famlonga, Julia – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 21:56:53

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Julia Famlonga
Sent	11/05/2021 9:56:53 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

This proposal for seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental impacts.

I am concerned this fracking program is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants.

I believe the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process.

This project should be assessed at the Federal level, plus with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

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Pipelines and tracks will be constructed beside and over creeks.

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I am very concerned about impacts on groundwater quality.

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Groundwater baseline testing and studies of aquifer connectivity must be completed.

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Fracking activities may put these species and groundwater at risk.

This fracking work schedule coincides with peak tourism season.

The adverse economic impacts and road safety issues have not been properly considered.

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Finally, I express my strong opposition to any Territory or Federal government funding being issued to Imperial/Empire Energy to advance the proposed Work Program for EP187.

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This fracking project must be subject to the full Federal assessment process and a Territory Environmental Impact Assessment.

Yours sincerely,

Julia Famlonga

Cloverdale, Western Australia, 6105, Australia

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Faraday, Sally – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 11:41:48

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Sally Faraday
Sent	18/05/2021 11:41:48 AM

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I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

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Yours sincerely,

Sally Faraday

Melbourne, Victoria, 3004, Australia

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Fardoulis, Emmanuel – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:32:15

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Emmanuel Fardoulis
Sent	11/05/2021 6:32:15 PM

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Oil, gas and coal are not tone mined especially frakiy, one of the most dangerous and destructive forms of mining there is.

Thank you for your urgent response to this vital matter of human and wildlife health and survival, environmental destruction and climate change, all of which fraking devastatingly effects.

Yours sincerely,

Emmanuel Fardoulis,

Randwick New South Wales, 2031,

Australia

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Farrar, Alan – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 08:19:20

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Alan Farrar
Sent	18/05/2021 8:19:20 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Alan Farrar

North Melbourne, Victoria, 3051, Australia

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FARRELL, Ian – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 18:23:14

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Ian FARRELL
Sent	14/05/2021 6:23:14 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Ian FARRELL

Clifton, New South Wales, 2515, Australia

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Farrimond, D. – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:38:47

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	D. Farrimond
Sent	11/05/2021 4:38:47 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

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FAULKNER, KELLE – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:47:01

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From	KELLE FAULKNER
Sent	11/05/2021 12:47:01 PM

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Fauntleroy, Beverley – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 00:13:21

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From	Beverley Fauntleroy
Sent	12/05/2021 12:13:21 AM

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Fauntleroy, Rebecca – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:13:29

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From	Rebecca Fauntleroy
Sent	11/05/2021 12:13:29 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Rebecca Fauntleroy
Nightcliff, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Fauntleroy, Robert – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 17:44:49

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Sent	13/05/2021 5:44:49 PM

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Fawcett, Janice – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:52:08

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Sent	11/05/2021 5:52:08 PM

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Fedi, Matilde – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 14:19:51

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Matilde Fedi
Sent	13/05/2021 2:19:51 PM

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Croydon, Victoria, 3136, Australia

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Fenwick, Elizabeth – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 19:32:19

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From	Elizabeth Fenwick
Sent	18/05/2021 7:32:19 PM

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Elizabeth Fenwick

Bells Beach, Victoria, 3228, Australia

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Fergie-Jackson, Pam – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:28:38

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From	Pam Fergie-Jackson
Sent	11/05/2021 12:28:38 PM

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Pam Fergie-Jackson

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Ferguson, Marion – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 17:41:30

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Marion Ferguson
Sent	12/05/2021 5:41:30 PM

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Ferraro, Umberto – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 22:09:00

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Umberto Ferraro
Sent	11/05/2021 10:09:00 PM

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Umberto Ferraro

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Ferry, Gwen – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:55:04

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Gwen Ferry
Sent	11/05/2021 4:55:04 PM

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Fessler, Yvonne – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 13:24:17

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Yvonne Fessler
Sent	12/05/2021 1:24:17 PM

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Field, Nicole – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 14:10:33

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Nicole Field
Sent	14/05/2021 2:10:33 PM

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Fielt, Erwin – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:43:52

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From	Erwin Fielt
Sent	11/05/2021 2:43:52 PM

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Figueiredo, John – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 11:04:36

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From	John De Figueiredo
Sent	12/05/2021 11:04:36 AM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I did not compose this email, but I have read it thoroughly and I agree with what has been said. Gas is a fossil fuel. The planet cannot afford any new fossil fuel developments if it is to remain suitable for human habitation. There is no Planet B. Perhaps you should think of your children and future generations.

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John de Figueiredo

Surrey Hills, Victoria, 3127, Australia

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Findlay, Anne – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:33:31

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From	Anne Findlay
Sent	11/05/2021 12:33:31 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Anne Findlay

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Finlayson, Anna – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:26:42

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Anna Finlayson
Sent	11/05/2021 3:26:42 PM

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Hawthorn East, Victoria, 3123, Australia

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Fischer, Elaine – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:07:39

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From	Elaine Fischer Fischer
Sent	11/05/2021 4:07:39 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Elaine Fischer Fischer
Gravesend, New South Wales, 2401, Australia

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Fisher, Irene – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:16:38

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From	Irene Fisher
Sent	11/05/2021 12:16:38 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Irene Fisher
Battery Point, Tasmania, 7004, Australia

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Fisher, Kerry – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:59:40

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Kerry Fisher
Sent	11/05/2021 6:59:40 PM

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Kerry Fisher
Annandale , Queensland, 4814, Australia

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Fisher, Peggy – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 21:01:11

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Peggy Fisher
Sent	19/05/2021 9:01:11 PM

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Fisher, Robert – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 18:05:32

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From	Robert Fisher
Sent	12/05/2021 6:05:32 PM

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Fisher, Steb – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:28:39

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From	Steb Fisher
Sent	11/05/2021 3:28:39 PM

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Dr. Steb Fisher

Yarragon, Victoria, 3823, Australia

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Fitzgerald, Sally – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:11:52

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From	Sally Fitzgerald
Sent	11/05/2021 12:11:52 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Sally Fitzgerald
Soldiers Point, New South Wales, 2317, Australia

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Flavel, L – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 09:37:44

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	L Flavel
Sent	14/05/2021 9:37:44 AM

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Flint, Megan – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 16:08:21

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Megan Flint
Sent	17/05/2021 4:08:21 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Megan Flint

Quindalup, Western Australia, 6281, Australia

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Flisk, Sandra – Saturday, 15 May 2021 – 15:51:19

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Sandra Flisk
Sent	15/05/2021 3:51:19 PM

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Flook, Izzy – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:10:54

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Izzy Flook
Sent	11/05/2021 4:10:54 PM

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Flook, Nicola – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:32:37

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From	Nicola Flook
Sent	11/05/2021 3:32:37 PM

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Nicola Flook

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Florance, Lani – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 13:02:34

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From	Lani Florance
Sent	19/05/2021 1:02:34 PM

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Florance, Mitchell – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 13:03:20

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Sent	19/05/2021 1:03:20 PM

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Flower, Beryl – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 11:57:36

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From	Beryl Flower
Sent	11/05/2021 11:57:36 AM

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Flower, Louis – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:12:49

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Louis Flower
Sent	11/05/2021 5:12:49 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Louis Flower
Yerrinbool, New South Wales, 2575, Australia

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Flowers, Sue – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:55:41

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From	Sue Flowers
Sent	11/05/2021 3:55:41 PM

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I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

This proposal for seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental impacts. I am absolutely disgusted by this entire idea. Why has it even been allowed to be considered? I'm concerned this fracking program is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants.

I believe the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project should be assessed at the Federal level, plus with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

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Yours sincerely,

Sue Flowers

New South Wales, 2630, Australia

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Flynn, John – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 10:03:03

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	John Flynn
Sent	19/05/2021 10:03:03 AM

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Yours sincerely,

John Flynn

Darwin, Northern Territory, 0820, Australia

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Foale, Julian – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:12:29

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From	Julian Foale
Sent	11/05/2021 3:12:29 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Julian Foale
Aldinga, South Australia, 5173, Australia

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Follis, Robert – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:25:06

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From	Robert Follis
Sent	11/05/2021 12:25:06 PM

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I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

The risks to the groundwater are just unacceptable as is the lack of a serious environmental management plan.

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Robert Follis

Clifton Hill, Victoria, 3068, Australia

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Forbes, Helen – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 10:58:38

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Helen Forbes
Sent	17/05/2021 10:58:38 AM

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Helen Forbes

Ellen Grove, Queensland, 4078, Australia

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Forcey, Tim – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 10:26:52

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Tim Forcey
Sent	12/05/2021 10:26:52 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Tim Forcey

Sandringham, Victoria, 3191, Australia

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Ford, Alyssa – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:22:58

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Alyssa Ford
Sent	11/05/2021 7:22:58 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Alyssa ford

Hillsdale, New South Wales, 2036, Australia

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Ford, Brenda – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:37:43

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Brenda Ford
Sent	11/05/2021 2:37:43 PM

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Brenda Ford

Darwin DC, Northern Territory, 0820, Australia

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Ford, Joanne – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:36:04

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From	Joanne Ford
Sent	11/05/2021 7:36:04 PM

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Joanne Ford

Kilmany, Victoria, 3851, Australia

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Ford, Kim – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 22:29:14

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From	Kim Ford
Sent	11/05/2021 10:29:14 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Kim Ford
Marrickville, New South Wales, 2204, Australia

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Ford, Paul – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:02:48

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From	Paul Ford
Sent	11/05/2021 3:02:48 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

That Empire Energy is proposing its fracking activity take place before critical baseline groundwater studies are complete is an Environmental Disaster Waiting To Happen. It displays complete contempt for Environmental Regulations and an unequivocal disregard for the consequences of operational contamination on

essential underground water systems.

The probability of "fracking operations" toxically impacting underground water system pathways that currently feed lush woodland savannah and biologically rich creeks places yet again more unique Australian ecology(plant and animal species and their environment) at serious risk of extinction.

That none of this gas is necessary to be produced given Global Warming and Climate Change Action that needs to be taken immediately, any government sponsorship/subsidy is grossly irresponsible and unconscionably negligent of the Government's responsibility to help meet global targets to reduce carbon emissions.

Worse still, this gas is more than likely to be sent for even greater plastic production,when the World, in many locations on the planet, is drowning in a sea of plastic waste, all while the recycling of old plastic is into new plastic. Yet more plastic, that is already part of the food chain contaminating every living things food supply. What will be the future consequences of prolonged consumption of plastic on the living things of this planet?

The regulations to protect the Environment are meant to ensure precious water supplies in remote areas dependent on underground water resources are kept safe. There are no other sources of water for people and other life forms in the area to utilise. To steal away this water in a toxic process that permanently contaminates precious water and destroys its means of distribution through underground systems is a senseless act of violence against the Environment that currently sustains life for a few transitory dollars that leave a wasteland in their wake. Poisoning water for a few dollars profit, and destroying underground water pathways that feed other environments, UNCONSCIONABLE!

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Forrest, Meri – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 20:52:43

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From	Meri Forrest
Sent	14/05/2021 8:52:43 PM

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Meri Forrest

Falcon, Western Australia, 6210, Australia

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Forster, Jenny – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:55:17

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From	Jenny Forster
Sent	11/05/2021 5:55:17 PM

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Fox, Chris – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 17:46:33

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From	Chris Fox
Sent	19/05/2021 5:46:33 PM

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Francis, Fairlie – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 09:51:58

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Fairlie Francis
Sent	13/05/2021 9:51:58 AM

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Fairlie Francis

Tooronga, Victoria, 3146, Australia

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Francis, Jonathan – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:41:26

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From	Jonathan Francis
Sent	11/05/2021 7:41:26 PM

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Cooran, Queensland, 4569, Australia

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Frankes, Lynn – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 19:13:16

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Lynn Frankes
Sent	12/05/2021 7:13:16 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Lynn Frakes
Kew, Victoria, 3101, Australia

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Franklin, Coral – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:21:47

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Coral Franklin
Sent	11/05/2021 3:21:47 PM

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Franklin, Jacqueline – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 22:40:27

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From	Jacqueline Franklin
Sent	11/05/2021 10:40:27 PM

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Jacqueline Franklin

Shell Cove, New South Wales, 2529, Australia

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Fraser, Angus – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 10:39:53

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From	Angus Fraser
Sent	19/05/2021 10:39:53 AM

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Angus Fraser

Nightcliff, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Freedman, Charlie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:34:04

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From	Charlie Freedman
Sent	11/05/2021 4:34:04 PM

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Freeman, Stacey – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 14:22:19

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From	Stacey Freeman
Sent	19/05/2021 2:22:19 PM

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Frost, Damian – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 12:44:57

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From	Damian Frost
Sent	13/05/2021 12:44:57 PM

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Please stop allowing the industry to regulate itself and doing their own environmental impact statements that are obviously not being looked into enough. If you did a little research you can see how this mucks with the water table and in the condimine river the bubbles that can be lit on fire. What the hell is going on.

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Damian Frost

Birmingham, Michigan, 48009, United States

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Fu, Winnie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:15:08

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From	Winnie Fu
Sent	11/05/2021 4:15:08 PM

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Fuller, Jo – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 06:54:36

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From	Jo Fuller
Sent	13/05/2021 6:54:36 AM

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Jo Fuller

Darwin DC, Northern Territory, 0820, Australia

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Furey, Kylie – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 06:58:16

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Kylie Furey
Sent	12/05/2021 6:58:16 AM

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Fyffe, Robert – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 13:29:23

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Robert Fyffe
Sent	19/05/2021 1:29:23 PM

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Gabbiani, Amelia – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:21:54

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Amelia Gabbiani
Sent	11/05/2021 12:21:54 PM

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Amelia Gabbiani
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Gallagher, Gallagher – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:17:06

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Sent	11/05/2021 6:17:06 PM

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Canoelands, New South Wales, 2157, Australia

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Gardner, Pam – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:24:00

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From	Pam Gardner
Sent	11/05/2021 5:24:00 PM

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Cross Keys, Victoria, 3041, Australia

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Garradd, Gordon – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 15:52:14

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From	Gordon Garradd
Sent	12/05/2021 3:52:14 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Gordon Garradd

New South Wales, 2340, Australia

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Gartland, Georgina – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 11:21:26

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Georgina Gartland
Sent	12/05/2021 11:21:26 AM

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I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

There are many concerns within this and it is also important to know that First Nations Peoples of this region have not provided their consent; they reject exploration and fracking as it will damage their Sacred lands, songlines and waterways. There is No consent

This proposal for seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental impacts. I'm concerned this fracking program is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants.

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This fracking project must be subject to the full Federal assessment process and a Territory Environmental Impact Assessment.

First Nations Peoples of this region do not want fracking over their sacred lands and have not provided free and informed consent.

Yours sincerely,

Georgina Gartland

Mitcham Victoria, 3132, Australia

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Dual submission

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Georgina Gartland
Sent	17/05/2021 8:11:10 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Georgina Gartland

Rangeview, Victoria, 3132, Australia

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Gates, Lindsay – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:41:31

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Lindsay Gates
Sent	11/05/2021 5:41:31 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Lindsay Gates

Broulee, New South Wales, 2537, Australia

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Gatfield, Linda – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:52:50

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Linda Gatfield
Sent	11/05/2021 4:52:50 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I strongly object to the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

The proposed seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental impacts and needs strong regulatory scrutiny.

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Yours sincerely,
Linda Gatfield
Waverton New South Wales, 2060, Australia

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Gaultier, Robyne – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 18:24:21

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Robyne Gaultier
Sent	14/05/2021 6:24:21 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Robyne Gaultier
Mona Vale, New South Wales, 2103, Australia

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Gaynor-Sperring, Karen – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:08:06

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Karen Gaynor-Sperring
Sent	11/05/2021 1:08:06 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Karen Gaynor-sperring

Darwin City, Northern Territory, 0800, Australia

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Gedye, Kelvin – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:10:59

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Kelvin Gedye
Sent	11/05/2021 8:10:59 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Kelvin Gedye

Fitzroy, Victoria, 3065, Australia

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Gentle, Elizabeth – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:22:11

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Elizabeth Gentle
Sent	11/05/2021 1:22:11 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Elizabeth Gentle
Clifton, New South Wales, 2515, Australia

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Gentle, Emma – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:23:45

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Emma Gentle
Sent	11/05/2021 8:23:45 PM

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Emma Gentle

Wirrimbi, New South Wales, 2447, Australia

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George, Edward – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 21:44:54

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Edward George
Sent	12/05/2021 9:44:54 PM

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Edward George

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Gesling, Kris – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 12:21:59

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Kris Gesling
Sent	19/05/2021 12:21:59 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Kris Gesling

Nightcliff, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Geuenich, Loretta – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:20:54

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Loretta Geuenich
Sent	11/05/2021 7:20:54 PM

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Loretta Geuenich

Somerton Park, South Australia, 5044, Australia

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Giacon, Maria – Sunday, 16 May 2021 – 08:58:07

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Maria Giacon
Sent	16/05/2021 8:58:07 AM

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ria giacon
White Gums, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Gibson, David – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:19:17

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From	David Gibson
Sent	11/05/2021 2:19:17 PM

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David Gibson
Hackett, Australian Capital Territory, 2602, Australia

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Gibson, Maxine – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:53:47

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From	Maxine Gibson
Sent	11/05/2021 1:53:47 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Maxine Gibson

Pakenham, Victoria, 3810, Australia

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Gilbert, Kaye – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 08:06:27

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From	Kaye Gilbert
Sent	13/05/2021 8:06:27 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Kaye Gilbert East Victoria Park Western Australia, 6101, Australia

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Gilbert, Pamrla – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:43:33

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Pamrla Gilbert
Sent	11/05/2021 12:43:33 PM

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Pamrla Gilbert

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Gill, Cathy – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 11:22:42

Subject	Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP must not go ahead.
From	Cathy Gill
Sent	17/05/2021 11:22:42 AM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

Please read the below detailed overview of concerns held by all who have investigated the many unacceptable risks of this proposal. We beg the minister to consider long term effects to the environment and to consider the lives of people depending on a clean environment.

Too often we have seen the final abandonment of projects leaving damage that lingers for many generations.

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Gill, Dallas – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 09:32:46

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From	Dallas Gill
Sent	12/05/2021 9:32:46 AM

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Gill, Greg – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:49:11

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Sent	11/05/2021 1:49:11 PM

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Gill, Ian – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 11:53:06

Subject	Extremely strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Ian Gill
Sent	11/05/2021 11:53:06 AM

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Ian Gill

Benalla, Victoria, 3672, Australia

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Gill, Lia – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 11:40:23

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From	Lia Gill
Sent	19/05/2021 11:40:23 AM

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Lia Gill

Nightcliff, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Gillam, Mike – Saturday, 15 May 2021 – 15:03:37

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From	Mike Gillam
Sent	15/05/2021 3:03:37 PM

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Gillbank, Peter – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 07:40:47

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From	Peter Gillbank
Sent	14/05/2021 7:40:47 AM

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Glasheen, Sylvi – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:33:05

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Sent	11/05/2021 1:33:05 PM

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Oxley, Queensland, 4075, Australia

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Glasson, Robert – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:45:15

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Sent	11/05/2021 1:45:15 PM

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Robert Glasson

Kiama Downs, New South Wales, 2533, Australia

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Glover, Marion – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:20:14

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From	Marion Glover
Sent	11/05/2021 3:20:14 PM

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Wavell Heights, Queensland, 4012, Australia

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Glyde, Jacqueline – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 11:59:23

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Sent	11/05/2021 11:59:23 AM

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Godoroja-Prieckaerts, Zoya – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 10:55:09

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From	Zoya Godoroja-Prieckaerts
Sent	13/05/2021 10:55:09 AM

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Goedhart, Hester – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 21:56:28

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Sent	11/05/2021 9:56:28 PM

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Goninon, Marilyn – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 19:02:16

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From	Marilyn Goninon
Sent	13/05/2021 7:02:16 PM

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Marilyn Goninon

Lenah Valley, Tasmania, 7008, Australia

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Gonos, Bianca – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 01:14:39

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Bianca Gonos

White Gums, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Goodall, Darren – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:07:28

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From	Darren Goodall
Sent	11/05/2021 4:07:28 PM

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Darren Goodall

Rye, Victoria, 3941, Australia

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Gooderham, Adam – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 15:44:17

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Adam Gooderham
Sent	19/05/2021 3:44:17 PM

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Adam Gooderham

White Gums, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Gordon, Heather – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 08:43:57

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Heather Gordon
Sent	18/05/2021 8:43:57 AM

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Gordon, Nicky – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 08:10:40

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From	Nicky Gordon
Sent	12/05/2021 8:10:40 AM

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Gormagn, Phil – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:42:05

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Sent	11/05/2021 4:42:05 PM

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Phil Gormaqn

Charlotte Cove, Tasmania, 7112, Australia

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Gould, Mark – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:07:42

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Sent	11/05/2021 5:07:42 PM

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Govan, Leisa – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:03:50

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Sent	11/05/2021 3:03:50 PM

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leisa govan

Malak, Northern Territory, 0812, Australia

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Gow, Rosie – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 13:26:28

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From	Rosie Gow
Sent	12/05/2021 1:26:28 PM

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Rosie Gow

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Goyen, Aaron – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 19:47:44

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From	Aaron Goyen
Sent	12/05/2021 7:47:44 PM

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Aaron Goyen

Cremorne, Tasmania, 7024, Australia

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Grace, Paul – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:16:36

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From	Paul Grace
Sent	11/05/2021 1:16:36 PM

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Paul Grace

Oxley, Queensland, 4075, Australia

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Grace, Rosalie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:50:37

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Rosalie Grace
Sent	11/05/2021 7:50:37 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Rosalie Grace

North Adelaide, South Australia, 5006, Australia

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Gradwell, Mark – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 09:44:36

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From	Mark Gradwell
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Currumbin Valley, Queensland, 4223, Australia

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Graham, Jonathan – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:42:00

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From	Jonathan Graham
Sent	11/05/2021 12:42:00 PM

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Graham, Vivien – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:17:05

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Sent	11/05/2021 2:17:05 PM

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Grant, Gordon – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 17:41:09

Subject	I object strongly to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Gordon Grant
Sent	19/05/2021 5:41:09 PM

Whilst most of this email is the prepared form letter I do wish to emphasise that the environmental vandalism of this project is severe and should rule it out. Apart from the severe damage to the surface, methane is a far worse greenhouse gas than CO2 and we should be leaving it in the ground to avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

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Tahmoor, New South Wales, 2573, Australia

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Gray, Kathryn – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:37:29

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:37:29 PM

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On a personal note, I'm flabbergasted and saddened that such a proposal is even being considered and unnecessarily putting our beautiful country at risk.

Yours sincerely,

Kathryn Gray

Brunswick, Victoria, 3056, Australia

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Gray, Phil – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:53:02

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:53:02 PM

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Phil Gray

Lindfield, New South Wales, 2070, Australia

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Gray, Robyn – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:30:22

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From	Robyn Gray
Sent	11/05/2021 7:30:22 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Robyn Gray

Mount Sabine, Victoria, 3236, Australia

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Green, Dianne – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 19:22:25

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From	Dianne Green
Sent	14/05/2021 7:22:25 PM

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Dianne Green
Glenaladale, Victoria, 3864, Australia

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Green, Rhonda – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 16:40:44

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From	Rhonda Green
Sent	12/05/2021 4:40:44 PM

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Sherwood, New South Wales, 2450, Australia

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Greenway, John – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:54:32

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Sent	11/05/2021 2:54:32 PM

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John Greenway

Wentworth Falls, New South Wales, 2782, Australia

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Gregory, JANET – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 22:37:49

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From	JANET Gregory
Sent	13/05/2021 10:37:49 PM

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JANET GREGORY Gregory

White Gums, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Gregory, Sue – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 20:00:44

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From	Sue Gregory
Sent	19/05/2021 8:00:44 PM

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Sue Gregory

Western Australia, 0872, Australia

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Greig, Lynn – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:45:18

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Sent	11/05/2021 4:45:18 PM

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Lynn Greig

Sherwood, New South Wales, 2450, Australia

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Grimes, Anthony – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:00:05

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:00:05 PM

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Grubic, Lauren – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 20:05:02

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From	Lauren Grubic
Sent	19/05/2021 8:05:02 PM

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Lauren Grubic

Currumbin, Queensland, 4223, Australia

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Guerin, Michael – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 17:15:34

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:02:45 PM

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Gunning, Marissa – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 22:07:10

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From	Marissa Gunning
Sent	13/05/2021 10:07:10 PM

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david hall

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Hall, Marianne – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 10:18:17

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Marianne Hall
Sent	12/05/2021 10:18:17 AM

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Hamilton, Dawn – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:20:40

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From	Dawn Hamilton
Sent	11/05/2021 6:20:40 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Dawn Hamilton

Saint Ives New South Wales, 2075, Australia

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Hamlin, Lois – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:27:18

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Lois Hamlin
Sent	11/05/2021 12:27:18 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Lois Hamlin

North Willoughby, New South Wales, 2068, Australia

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Hansberry, Beris – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 09:09:28

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From	Beris Hansberry
Sent	12/05/2021 9:09:28 AM

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Hansen, Jesper – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 14:12:37

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jesper Hansen
Sent	12/05/2021 2:12:37 PM

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It Really is time to close the door on these type of explorations and concentrate on renewable energy to safeguard the future of our environment and our future generations.

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Jesper Hansen

Capel Sound, Victoria, 3940, Australia

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HANSEN, STEPHEN – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:02:43

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From	STEPHEN HANSEN
Sent	11/05/2021 12:02:43 PM

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Hansom, Gordon – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 21:27:00

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From	Gordon Hansom
Sent	11/05/2021 9:27:00 PM

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Hanton, Penny – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:34:37

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From	Penny Hanton
Sent	11/05/2021 5:34:37 PM

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Hanton, Russell – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 10:25:41

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Russell Hanton
Sent	19/05/2021 10:25:41 AM

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HARDING, Robert – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 09:51:13

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From	Robert HARDING
Sent	12/05/2021 9:51:13 AM

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Hardy-Holden, Judy – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:38:26

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Judy Hardy-Holden
Sent	11/05/2021 2:38:26 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

Trust in governments is at a very low ebb and it is situations like the Environmental Management Plan submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas that further reduce the trust in the integrity of governmental processes.

Where is the public scrutiny of this project? Do the people directly impacted by this project have a say in the detrimental effects fracking will have on their regions? What are the credentials of this company and what is their history of adhering to environmental constraints? Who will assess the environmental impacts without fear or favour?

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Judy Hardy-Holden

Eumundi, Queensland, 4562, Australia

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Harker, Jennifer – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:22:25

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From	Jennifer Harker
Sent	11/05/2021 1:22:25 PM

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FIG TREE POCKET, Queensland, 4069, Australia

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Harle, Michelle – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 19:11:16

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Michelle Harle
Sent	12/05/2021 7:11:16 PM

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Michelle Harle

Nightcliff, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Harlib, Amy – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:30:53

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Amy Harlib
Sent	11/05/2021 1:30:53 PM

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HARMEY, FRANCES – Saturday, 15 May 2021 – 17:35:35

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From	FRANCES HARMEY
Sent	15/05/2021 5:35:35 PM

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Harper, Christine – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:05:56

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From	Christine Harper
Sent	11/05/2021 5:05:56 PM

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Pinbarren, Queensland, 4568, Australia

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Harper, Robyn – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 22:00:42

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From	Robyn Harper
Sent	11/05/2021 10:00:42 PM

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Harper, Roger – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:43:17

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From	Roger Harper
Sent	11/05/2021 3:43:17 PM

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HARRIS, EVAN – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:57:03

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From	EVAN HARRIS
Sent	11/05/2021 7:57:03 PM

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I worked for nearly 7 years at Milingimbi and Ramingining, with responsibility to support language and self management amongst the Gupapungu, Djambarrpuyngu and Ganalbingu people.

With continued contact with landowners over years, I am horrified to read that the NT Government wishes to exploit gas in the NT. Of all the states, aboriginal sovereignty will be best served in the NT recognising the sovereign owners and elders of Arnhem Land. Any exploitation of natural resources must be on the initiative and for the benefit of the traditional aboriginal nations.

The latest information on gas exploitation makes it clear that net benefit for the land cannot be achieved given the level of risk, the net benefits, and the prior task of supporting the people in their own aspirations for development. Gas exploration by u the NT government or private capital is totally inappropriate and unacceptable.

Reverend E B Harris,

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EVAN HARRIS BA (Hons) MA (Min) (Melb) Grad Dip and sessional coursework , SIL Linguistics.

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Harris, Paul – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:48:45

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From	Paul Harris
Sent	11/05/2021 4:48:45 PM

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Harris, Victor – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:06:33

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Victor & Marisa Harris
Sent	11/05/2021 8:06:33 PM

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Harrison, Louise – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 10:05:01

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From	Louise Harrison
Sent	19/05/2021 10:05:01 AM

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Harsanyi, Ilona – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:18:34

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Ilona Harsanyi
Sent	11/05/2021 12:18:34 PM

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Wolli Creek, New South Wales, 2205, Australia

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Hart, Monica – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 23:22:50

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Monica Hart
Sent	17/05/2021 11:22:50 PM

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Hartcher, Guy – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:14:51

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From	Guy Hartcher
Sent	11/05/2021 4:14:51 PM

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Harvey, David – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 14:50:17

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	David Harvey
Sent	12/05/2021 2:50:17 PM

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I'm writing to express deep concerns about the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

The land in this area and groundwater beneath are precious resources that our country needs to preserve not mine, explore or let alone conduct gas fracking extraction processes in.

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Yours sincerely,

David Harvey

Hazelbrook, New South Wales, 2779, Australia

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Harvey, Susan – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:19:45

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From	Susan Harvey
Sent	11/05/2021 1:19:45 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Susan Harvey

Cooktown, Queensland, 4895, Australia

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Harvison, Judith – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:16:45

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From	Judith Harvison
Sent	11/05/2021 1:16:45 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Judith Harvison
Kuraby, Queensland, 4112, Australia

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Hastings, Russell – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 15:02:38

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From	Russell Hastings
Sent	17/05/2021 3:02:38 PM

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Russell Hastings

Tiaro, Queensland, 4650, Australia

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Hastings, Warren – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 05:35:43

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From	Warren Hastings
Sent	12/05/2021 5:35:43 AM

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THIS REALLY IS A NO-BRAINER.

JUST STOP SUPPORTING PLANET-DESTROYING TECHNOLOGY. THERE ARE PLENTY OF CLEAN-ENERGY COMPANIES THAT NEED YOUR SUPPORT.

JUST GET WITH THEM. !!!!!!!

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Warren Hastings

Blackstone Heights, Tasmania, 7250, Australia

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Hattem, Simone – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:33:55

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Simone Van Hattem
Sent	11/05/2021 6:33:55 PM

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Simone van Hattem

Western Australia, 6255, Australia

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Hauser, David – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:05:06

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From	David Hauser
Sent	11/05/2021 12:05:06 PM

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:10:48 PM

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Greg Hauser

Mitchell, Northern Territory, 0832, Australia

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Hawker, Clayre – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 21:59:37

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Clayre Hawker
Sent	12/05/2021 9:59:37 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Clayre Hawker

Penwortham, South Australia, 5453, Australia

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Hay, David – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 11:52:22

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From	David Hay
Sent	19/05/2021 11:52:22 AM

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Hay, Madelyn – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 08:02:05

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From	Madelyn Hay
Sent	18/05/2021 8:02:05 AM

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Hayat, Sophie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 21:35:38

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From	Sophie Hayat
Sent	11/05/2021 9:35:38 PM

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Hayes, Robert – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:47:59

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Sent	11/05/2021 2:47:59 PM

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Booyong, New South Wales, 2480, Australia

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Hayler, Marigold – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 22:20:16

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From	Marigold Hayler
Sent	11/05/2021 10:20:16 PM

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marigold hayler
Hopetoun Park, Victoria, 3340, Australia

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Haynes, Mick – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 14:30:18

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Mick Haynes
Sent	12/05/2021 2:30:18 PM

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Mick Haynes

The Oaks, New South Wales, 2570, Australia

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Haynes, Taryn – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:19:52

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From	Taryn Haynes
Sent	11/05/2021 1:19:52 PM

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Hayward, Alan – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:20:03

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From	Alan Hayward
Sent	11/05/2021 3:20:03 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Alan Hayward

Woolgoolga New South Wales, 2456, Australia

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HAYWOOD, CAROLYN – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 –
09:07:38

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	CAROLYN HAYWOOD
Sent	12/05/2021 9:07:38 AM

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Yours sincerely,

CAROLYN HAYWOOD

Deptford, Victoria, 3875, Australia

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Healey, Margaret – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 23:31:34

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From	Margaret Healey
Sent	11/05/2021 11:31:34 PM

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Healey, Melina – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 22:28:03

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Melina Healey
Sent	14/05/2021 10:28:03 PM

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Melina Healey

Bibaringa, South Australia, 5118, Australia

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Heaning, Rich – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:48:37

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:48:37 PM

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Heard, Mary – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:16:07

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Sent	11/05/2021 1:16:07 PM

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Yours sincerely,
mary heard
Waratah, New South Wales, 2298, Australia

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Heermeyer, Marni – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 22:35:35

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From	Marni Heermeyer
Sent	19/05/2021 10:35:35 PM

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Hemm, Viola – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 22:35:21

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Sent	11/05/2021 10:35:21 PM

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Hempel, Nic – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 05:07:41

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From	Nic Hempel
Sent	18/05/2021 5:07:41 AM

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Nic Hempel

East Side, Northern Territory, 0871, Australia

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Henderson, Emma – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:47:45

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From	Emma Henderson
Sent	11/05/2021 12:47:45 PM

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Emma Henderson

Red Hill, Queensland, 4059, Australia

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Hennessey, Jake – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:17:54

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From	Jake Hennessey
Sent	11/05/2021 1:17:54 PM

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Castaways Beach, Queensland, 4567, Australia

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Henry, Rocky – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:42:42

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From	Rocky Henry
Sent	11/05/2021 7:42:42 PM

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Rocky Henry
Coorparoo, Queensland, 4151, Australia

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Henzell, Gail – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:26:40

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Sent	11/05/2021 3:26:40 PM

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Dual submission

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Herrmann, Dorit – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 19:17:24

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Dorit Herrmann
Sent	19/05/2021 7:17:24 PM

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Herron, Diane – Saturday, 15 May 2021 – 08:18:16

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From	Diane Herron
Sent	15/05/2021 8:18:16 AM

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Diane Herron

Jerseyville, New South Wales, 2431, Australia

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Heselev, Matilda – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:21:46

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From	Matilda Heselev
Sent	11/05/2021 12:21:46 PM

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Matilda Heselev

Australia

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Hewitt, Andrew – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 15:54:49

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From	Andrew Hewitt
Sent	17/05/2021 3:54:49 PM

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Hewitt, Andy – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:28:28

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From	Andy Hewitt
Sent	11/05/2021 12:28:28 PM

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Andy Hewitt

Deptford, Victoria, 3875, Australia

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Higgins, Lorraine – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:37:03

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From	Lorraine Higgins
Sent	11/05/2021 5:37:03 PM

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Lorraine Higgins

Essendon West, Victoria, 3040, Australia

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Higgins, Tina – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 12:03:36

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Sent	19/05/2021 12:03:36 PM

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Tina Bernardi Higgins
Nightcliff, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Higgs, Kez – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 21:17:45

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From	Kez Higgs
Sent	12/05/2021 9:17:45 PM

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Kez Higgs

Girraween, Northern Territory, 0836, Australia

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Hildebrand, Valerie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 22:44:32

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From	Valerie Hildebrand
Sent	11/05/2021 10:44:32 PM

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Hilder, Margaret – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:15:34

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From	Margaret Hilder
Sent	11/05/2021 3:15:34 PM

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Hilder, Matthew – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:09:50

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:09:50 PM

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Newnes, New South Wales, 2790, Australia

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Hill, Sarah – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 16:01:06

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From	Sarah Hill
Sent	17/05/2021 4:01:06 PM

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Sarah Hill

White Gums, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Hindmarsh, Colin – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 14:07:29

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Sent	12/05/2021 2:07:29 PM

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Macquarie Pass, New South Wales, 2577, Australia

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Hing, Angela – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 20:25:32

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Sent	12/05/2021 8:25:32 PM

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Hingston, Gabrielle – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 07:49:41

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From	Gabrielle Hingston
Sent	18/05/2021 7:49:41 AM

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Hirsiger, Monika – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 12:41:25

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Sent	19/05/2021 12:41:25 PM

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Brian Hirst

Yarrabilba, Queensland, 4207, Australia

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Hiscock, Rodney – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:11:55

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From	Rodney Hiscock
Sent	11/05/2021 12:11:55 PM

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Hocking, Bruce – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 07:44:43

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From	Bruce Hocking
Sent	12/05/2021 7:44:43 AM

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Bruce Hocking

Northern Territory, 0852, Australia

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Hocking, Carolyn – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:26:05

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From	Carolyn Hocking
Sent	11/05/2021 3:26:05 PM

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Darlington, South Australia, 5047, Australia

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Hodder, Alan – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:03:29

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From	Alan Hodder
Sent	11/05/2021 4:03:29 PM

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Hogan, Phillip – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 15:58:08

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From	Phillip Hogan
Sent	19/05/2021 3:58:08 PM

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Hohmann, Werner – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 10:18:43

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From	Werner Hohmann
Sent	12/05/2021 10:18:43 AM

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Batchelor, Northern Territory, 0845, Australia

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Hoisington, Victor – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 04:39:02

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Sent	18/05/2021 4:39:02 AM

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Holder, Sarah – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 06:06:40

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Sent	18/05/2021 6:06:40 AM

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Sarah Holder
Eastside, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Hole, Jennifer – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:01:14

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From	Jennifer Hole
Sent	11/05/2021 6:01:14 PM

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Holland, Maggie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:39:19

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From	Maggie Holland
Sent	11/05/2021 1:39:19 PM

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Holland, Noel – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:22:48

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Sent	11/05/2021 2:22:48 PM

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Noel Holland

Earlville, Queensland, 4870, Australia

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Hollinrake, Mark – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:07:23

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Sent	11/05/2021 2:07:23 PM

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Birmingham, Michigan, 48009, United States

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Holmes, Jacqueline – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 07:30:49

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From	Jacqueline Holmes
Sent	12/05/2021 7:30:49 AM

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Yerrinbool, New South Wales, 2575, Australia

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Holmes, John – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:28:36

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Milton, Queensland, 4064, Australia

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Honey, Elizabeth – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:38:44

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Elizabeth Honey

North Lambton, New South Wales, 2299, Australia

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Hooper, Robyn – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 21:51:25

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From	Robyn Hooper
Sent	11/05/2021 9:51:25 PM

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Robyn Hooper

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Hope, Melissa – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 21:15:26

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From	Melissa Hope
Sent	19/05/2021 9:15:26 PM

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Hopkins, Joy – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:12:48

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From	Joy Hopkins
Sent	11/05/2021 4:12:48 PM

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Joy Hopkins

Chelmer, Queensland, 4068, Australia

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Hopper, Simon – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 20:40:07

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From	Simon Hopper
Sent	19/05/2021 8:40:07 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Simon Hopper
White Gums, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Hoskin, Mandy – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 12:50:02

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From	Mandy Hoskin
Sent	12/05/2021 12:50:02 PM

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Mandy Hoskin

Mount Jagged, South Australia, 5211, Australia

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Houghton, Karen – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 04:26:26

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From	Karen Houghton
Sent	12/05/2021 4:26:26 AM

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Thornlands, Queensland, 4164, Australia

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Hovey, Lyn – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 08:03:28

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From	Lyn Hovey
Sent	12/05/2021 8:03:28 AM

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Lyn Hovey

Riddells Creek, Victoria, 3431, Australia

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Howard, Dav – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:00:26

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From	Dav Howard
Sent	11/05/2021 12:00:26 PM

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Howell, William – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:29:39

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From	William Howell
Sent	11/05/2021 1:29:39 PM

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Yours sincerely,
William Howell

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Howitt, Lana – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 12:37:59

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Lana Howitt
Sent	19/05/2021 12:37:59 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Lana Howitt

Nightcliff, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Hoyle, Cheryl – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 14:12:20

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Cheryl Hoyle
Sent	12/05/2021 2:12:20 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Cheryl Hoyle

Mount George, South Australia, 5155, Australia

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Hromas, Alexander – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:05:43

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Alexander Hromas
Sent	11/05/2021 5:05:43 PM

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Hubbard, Andrew – Saturday, 15 May 2021 – 18:18:23

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Andrew Hubbard
Sent	15/05/2021 6:18:23 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Andrew Hubbard
Burleigh Waters, Queensland, 4220, Australia

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Hudsonmiller, Rosemary – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 –
09:09:50

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Rosemary Hudsonmiller
Sent	12/05/2021 9:09:50 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Rosemary HudsonMiller

Rivervale, Western Australia, 6103, Australia

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Hughes, Jamps – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 18:17:44

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From	Jamps Hughes
Sent	19/05/2021 6:17:44 PM

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Jamps Hughes

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Hughes, Jenny – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 20:37:43

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From	Jenny Hughes
Sent	14/05/2021 8:37:43 PM

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Lastly we need to move from fossil fuels to renewables NOW! Why fund a project that outdated and risks destroying many significant areas of the NT!

Yours sincerely,

Jenny Hughes

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Hughes, John – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 19:55:14

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	John Hughes
Sent	18/05/2021 7:55:14 PM

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I am deeply concerned at the dangers of fracking, especially as proposed by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

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John Hughes

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Hughes, K – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:30:26

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From	K John Hughes
Sent	11/05/2021 1:30:26 PM

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Mona Vale, New South Wales, 2103, Australia

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Hugo, – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:05:57

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Christine Hugo
Sent	11/05/2021 2:05:57 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Christine Hugo

The Junction, New South Wales, 2291, Australia

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Huisman, Glenda – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 07:59:14

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Glenda Huisman
Sent	17/05/2021 7:59:14 AM

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Hull, Patricia – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:58:12

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From	Patricia Hull
Sent	11/05/2021 12:58:12 PM

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Patricia Hull

Bathurst, New South Wales, 2795, Australia

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Hullick, Lisa – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:17:52

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Lisa Hullick
Sent	11/05/2021 2:17:52 PM

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Lisa Hullick

Mysterton, Queensland, 4812, Australia

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Hulm, Elizabeth – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:32:03

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From	Elizabeth Hulm
Sent	11/05/2021 12:32:03 PM

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Hume, Jan – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 08:35:27

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Sent	14/05/2021 8:35:27 AM

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Hume, Merriel – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:52:33

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From	Merriel Hume
Sent	11/05/2021 3:52:33 PM

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merriel hume

Auchenflower, Queensland, 4066, Australia

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Hummerston, Judith – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:21:26

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From	Judith Hummerston
Sent	11/05/2021 4:21:26 PM

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Humphrey, Robin – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:12:28

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From	Robin Humphrey
Sent	11/05/2021 2:12:28 PM

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Robin Humphrey

Valley Heights, New South Wales, 2777, Australia

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Humphreys, Jon – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:49:04

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From	Jon Humphreys
Sent	11/05/2021 3:49:04 PM

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Humphries, John – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:32:58

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Sent	11/05/2021 5:32:58 PM

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Northern Territory, 0852, Australia

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Hunt, Peter – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:32:05

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From	Peter Hunt
Sent	11/05/2021 4:32:05 PM

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Husek, Peter – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 08:54:58

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Hutson, Helene – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:59:17

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From	Helene Hutson
Sent	11/05/2021 2:59:17 PM

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Hutton, Jo – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 08:20:22

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From	Jo Hutton
Sent	12/05/2021 8:20:22 AM

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Jo Hutton

Milton, Queensland, 4064, Australia

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Huxholl, Heinz – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:27:21

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Sent	11/05/2021 8:27:21 PM

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Hyatt, Megan – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:06:58

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From	Megan Hyatt
Sent	11/05/2021 4:06:58 PM

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Burradoo, New South Wales, 2576, Australia

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Hyduke, Vicky – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 21:45:47

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Sent	11/05/2021 9:45:47 PM

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Iken, Eva – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 17:57:08

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From	Eva Iken
Sent	19/05/2021 5:57:08 PM

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Ilasi, Jenny – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 05:02:53

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Sent	12/05/2021 5:02:53 AM

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Inder-Smith, Rob – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 15:46:22

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From	Rob Inder-Smith
Sent	12/05/2021 3:46:22 PM

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Ingram, Rod – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 23:05:43

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Sent	12/05/2021 11:05:43 PM

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Innocent, Madeleine – Saturday, 15 May 2021 – 17:10:47

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Madeleine Innocent
Sent	15/05/2021 5:10:47 PM

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Inshaw, Beverley – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 15:01:29

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Beverley Inshaw
Sent	18/05/2021 3:01:29 PM

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Irons, Marilyn – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 08:18:24

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Marilyn Irons
Sent	12/05/2021 8:18:24 AM

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Marilyn Irons

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Isaac, Bev – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:50:52

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From	Bev Isaac
Sent	11/05/2021 12:50:52 PM

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Iser, Alina – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 13:38:37

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From	Alina Iser
Sent	19/05/2021 1:38:37 PM

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White Gums, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Isis, Bindi – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 10:06:30

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From	Bindi Isis
Sent	19/05/2021 10:06:30 AM

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Bindi Isis

Larrakia Country

Darwin, Northern Territory, 0820, Australia

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Jablonka, John – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:36:43

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:36:43 PM

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Jackson, Norman – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:07:25

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From	Norman Jackson
Sent	11/05/2021 12:07:25 PM

To: Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

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Yours sincerely,

Norman Jackson

East Fremantle, Western Australia, 6158, Australia

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Jackson, Peter – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:50:09

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From	Peter Jackson
Sent	11/05/2021 7:50:09 PM

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Jacob, Rosemary – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:31:26

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From	Rosemary Jacob
Sent	11/05/2021 1:31:26 PM

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James, Sarah – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 20:52:12

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From	Sarah James
Sent	19/05/2021 8:52:12 PM

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Sarah James

Highcroft, Tasmania, 7183, Australia

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Jameson, Susan – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:26:24

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From	Susan Jameson
Sent	11/05/2021 1:26:24 PM

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Susan Jameson

• Katoomba DC, New South Wales, 2780, Australia

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Janz, Marj – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:55:07

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From	Marj Janz
Sent	11/05/2021 12:55:07 PM

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I object to my taxes being used to support this project, the impacts of which have been inadequately assessed. Surely Australia is capable of professional scrutiny!

Yours sincerely,

Marj Janz

Dee Why, New South Wales, 2099, Australia

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Jarvis, Narelle – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:30:52

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From	Narelle Jarvis
Sent	11/05/2021 2:30:52 PM

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Jau, Jennifer – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 13:29:18

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jennifer Jau
Sent	17/05/2021 1:29:18 PM

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Falcon, Western Australia, 6210, Australia

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Jean, Nic – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 22:06:26

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From	Nic Jean
Sent	18/05/2021 10:06:26 PM

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Nic J

New South Wales, 2622, Australia

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Jeffery, Lee – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:19:04

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From	Lee Jeffery
Sent	11/05/2021 6:19:04 PM

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Victoria Point, Queensland, 4165, Australia

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Jemmett, Lorna – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 13:29:25

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From	Lorna Jemmett
Sent	12/05/2021 1:29:25 PM

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Kennedys Creek, Victoria, 3239, Australia

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Jenkin, Phil – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 14:10:23

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From	Phil Jenkin
Sent	18/05/2021 2:10:23 PM

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Jenkins, Jennifer – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 22:16:35

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Sent	11/05/2021 10:16:35 PM

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Jennings, Heidi – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 14:38:27

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Berry Springs, Northern Territory, 0838, Australia

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Jensen, Bruce – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:12:31

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From	Bruce Jensen
Sent	11/05/2021 12:12:31 PM

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Jimenez, Barbara – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 09:21:02

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Barbara Oliver Jimenez
Sent	14/05/2021 9:21:02 AM

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Johansen, Chris – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:58:47

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From	Chris Johansen
Sent	11/05/2021 1:58:47 PM

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But most importantly of all, the science tells us that any further expansion of fossil fuel extraction is a nail in the coffin of the planet as we know it.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Johansen

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From	<Confidential>
Sent	8/05/2021 10:04:19 PM

Contact details

First name: <Confidential>

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Email address: *****

Country: Australia

Postcode: 4030

Phone number: *****

Stakeholder type: Community

Feedback

Activity you are providing feedback on: Imperial Oil & Gas Pty Ltd ***** EP187
Work Program Environment Management Plan

Category type: Social and cultural, Flora and fauna, Water, Waste Management,
Climate change, Human health, Chemicals, Regulation and compliance, Well integrity

If other, please specify::

Comments: This fracking of our country must not proceed ,wether or not a feeble donation
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Johnson, Arla – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:04:16

Subject	ALL THE DAMAGE OF SHALE GAS FRACKING MY Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Arla Johnson
Sent	11/05/2021 2:04:16 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am horrified that you should unleash shale gas fracking, with all it's chemical hazards above and below ground, on the community in the NT.

We don't want a gas-led recovery, no matter how much the shale gas frackers want to pollute our groundwater and ruin air quality in this region.

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Green Hills, New South Wales, 2323, Australia

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Johnson, Harry – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 07:40:38

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP. We all need clean water, water that is safe to drink for ever!
From	Harry Johnson
Sent	12/05/2021 7:40:38 AM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am an 78 year old grandfather and today I can no longer guarantee that the air today's trusting very young children breathe is safe to breathe anywhere in the world. A very tragic and worrying situation because clean air, like clean water is one of our 4 essential needs.

Under the watch of we adults who can vote for the protection of our 4 vital needs, we can no longer guarantee air is safe to breathe and now the N T government is hell-bent on an experiment that could absolutely damage water, our precious groundwater both used for drinking and for food production.

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Fracking for any fossil fuel or any additional new use of fossil fuel resources is now a very questionable endeavour. Now most of the developed world have accepted that global heating must be adequately addressed now by quickly reducing the world's fossil fuel dependence and increasing its use of renewables. What level of tariffs will be placed Australian exports that contain high fossil fuel inputs?

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Breathe safely and all the best in the future you choose for those you cherish, especially those who are still too young to vote for their vastly changed future world.

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harry johnson

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Johnson, Joy – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:00:30

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Walliebum, Queensland, 4655, Australia

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Johnson, Steve – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:06:11

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Johnson, Wendy – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:05:20

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Wendy Johnson
Sent	11/05/2021 12:05:20 PM

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Johnston, Bronwyn – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 12:04:53

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Bronwyn Johnston
Sent	14/05/2021 12:04:53 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

Please note my objection to any fracking or proposed fracking projects in any state or territory. I am concerned about the recently submitted Environmental Management Plan (EMP) by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

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Yours sincerely,
Bronwyn Johnston
New South Wales, 2829, Australia

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Johnston, Les – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 09:17:45

Subject	Objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program Environmental Management Plan
From	Les Johnston
Sent	19/05/2021 9:17:45 AM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I write as an environmental regulatory professional and do not support this activity based on the content of the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

This proposal for seven new fracking wells will have a very large environmental impact both during construction and operation. The environmental risks not satisfactorily addressed in the EMP include: rain events, cyclones; waste management and residuals; surface and groundwater impacts from spills, leakage of gas; and regulatory systems for detection of environmental harm.

The interaction between Territory and Federal Government regulation requires more detailed investigation to ensure transparency and appropriate accountability. The project should be assessed at the Federal level, plus with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

The waste management details in the EMP suggest that the proponent may decide to include more waste transfer pipelines to move wastes around from one site to another. Pipeline construction can have significant short and long term impacts. The proponent has not identified the details of what pipelines will be constructed and where they will be located. Just how tracking of pipeline transferred wastes will be applied is not stated.

The details provided for waste management propose a simplistic approach using trucking of the wastes to a licenced facility for disposal. No analysis is provided of the classification of each waste and whether a licenced treatment facility exists. No analysis is provided on in situ treatment activities. The EMP also proposes to reduce waste volumes without defining how this will be completed. Management of wastes is too complex to be left to see what happens. The EMP needs to provide sufficient information that the management of waste is specific to ensure that wastes do not end up causing water pollution or be left on site causing a legacy issue for the land owner.

The management of wastes is also tied to predicted weather and rainfall events. Given climate change, past rain events must be used with caution. The 1.1m free-board proposed may be insufficient for open storages. The use of open storages and reliance on evaporation for volume reduction is questionable in the face of more intense and longer rain events. Flooding like that recently in North Queensland must be addressed in this EMP not left unassessed because it is seen as being unlikely.

Experience has shown that groundwater bores do get polluted from fracking activities. Even if drilling is performed using a specific management plan, such plans do not prevent groundwater pollution. The risk of groundwater pollution remains and is passed on the future generations.

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The fracking of shale gas at other sites has not been able to show leakage of gas does not occur. Although gas monitoring is proposed, that simply identifies the issue. The only way to prevent gas leakage is to not use the current methods for extraction of the gas.

Experience with the regulation of underground gas has revealed serious regulatory issues with information being given to environmental regulators at the time an incident takes place. Remote sites away from the public eye and lack of unannounced regulatory inspections, give operators the opportunity to cleanup pollution prior to detection. The attitude of the industry towards regulation is unhelpful to build public trust.

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Yours sincerely,
Les Johnston
Balmain, New South Wales, 2041, Australia

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Johnston, Lin – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:07:16

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From	Lin Johnston
Sent	11/05/2021 3:07:16 PM

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Annandale, New South Wales, 2038, Australia

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Johnston, Noelle – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 10:28:36

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Noelle Johnston
Sent	12/05/2021 10:28:36 AM

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Yours sincerely,

noelle johnston

Palmyra, Western Australia, 6157, Australia

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Johnston, Scott – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:30:27

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From	Scott Johnston
Sent	11/05/2021 4:30:27 PM

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Joiner, Gillian – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:17:32

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Gillian Joiner
Sent	11/05/2021 3:17:32 PM

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Jones, Caro – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:58:56

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From	Caro Jones
Sent	11/05/2021 12:58:56 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Caroline Jones

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Jones, Chris – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 11:59:59

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From	Chris Jones
Sent	11/05/2021 11:59:59 AM

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Yours sincerely,
Chris Jones
New South Wales, 2372, Australia

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Dual submission

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Chris Jones
Sent	12/05/2021 8:13:13 AM

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Yours sincerely,
Chris Jones
Glen Innes, NSW, 2370

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Jones, Evan – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:28:27

Subject	I strongly reject Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Evan Jones
Sent	11/05/2021 4:28:27 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Evan Jones

Pinjarra Hills, Queensland, 4069, Australia

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Jones, Jennifer – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 08:54:35

Subject	Objection to Imperial EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jennifer Jones
Sent	14/05/2021 8:54:35 AM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am writing to express my concern about the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

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I am strongly opposed to any Territory or Federal government funding being issued to Imperial/ Empire Energy to advance the proposed Work Program for EP187.

Yours sincerely,
Jennifer Jones
Highbury, South Australia, 5089, Australia

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Jones, Libby – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:15:20

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From	Libby Jones
Sent	11/05/2021 1:15:20 PM

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Libby Jones

New South Wales, 2620, Australia

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Jones, Lindy – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:45:53

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From	Lindy Jones
Sent	11/05/2021 1:45:53 PM

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Lindy Jones

Wollstonecraft, New South Wales, 2065, Australia

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Jones, Lorraine – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:38:22

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From	Lorraine Jones
Sent	11/05/2021 12:38:22 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Lorraine Jones

Yarrawarrah, NSW 2233, Australia

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Jones, Nicole – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 20:59:00

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Nicole Jones
Sent	18/05/2021 8:59:00 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Nicole Jones

St Kilda, Victoria, 3182, Australia

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Jones, Rhys – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:23:54

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Rhys Jones
Sent	11/05/2021 12:23:54 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Rhys Jones

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JONES, ROBERT – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:52:34

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	ROBERT JONES
Sent	11/05/2021 12:52:34 PM

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And as a final word, this world is yours too. Please consider what you are destroying.

Yours sincerely,

ROBERT JONES

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Joosten, Roeli – Saturday, 15 May 2021 – 17:00:20

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Roeli Joosten
Sent	15/05/2021 5:00:20 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Roeli Joosten
Bibra Lake, Western Australia, 6163, Australia

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Jordan, Alisha – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 12:13:26

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Alisha Jordan
Sent	14/05/2021 12:13:26 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Alisha Jordan

Tennant Creek, Northern Territory, 0860, Australia

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Joy, Jennifer – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:42:51

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jennifer Joy
Sent	11/05/2021 12:42:51 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I have a solid understanding of the negative impacts on both the environment and communities where fracking has been allowed to take place in the past (when we were both ignorant and arrogant about the impacts). It is hard to comprehend that proposals such as this are still being considered in light of the overwhelming evidence against such endeavours, but I realise that we still have a long way to go yet when it comes to common sense prevailing, especially when backed by science and the lived experiences of people others than those who receive a financial or political short-term benefit.

Therefore, I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

I fully endorse the letter below.

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Jennifer Joy
Lismore, New South Wales, 2480, Australia

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Juhasz, Cherie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:50:01

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Cherie Juhasz
Sent	11/05/2021 8:50:01 PM

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Cherie Juhasz

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Julian, David – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 19:40:55

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	David Julian
Sent	18/05/2021 7:40:55 PM

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Jungheim, Jennifer – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 09:37:57

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jennifer Jungheim
Sent	12/05/2021 9:37:57 AM

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Jennifer Jungheim

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K, Melisa – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:57:35

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Melisa K
Sent	11/05/2021 12:57:35 PM

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Kable, Vicki – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 18:46:06

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Vicki Kable
Sent	14/05/2021 6:46:06 PM

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Kammoora, Donna – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 08:44:50

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Donna Kammoora
Sent	12/05/2021 8:44:50 AM

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I have connection with the people of this country through powerful song and dance partnerships. I am namarra. This is a beautiful powerful country whose water courses connect and feed the eastern Australia down into the Diamantina River systems and into SA. Water is so very precious and it's good health is our responsibility and the responsibility for good governance. Fracking this country will have fatal consequences for life across vast areas of country.

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Kanaris, Ilona – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 10:15:14

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Ilona Kanaris
Sent	19/05/2021 10:15:14 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Ilona Kanaris

Darwin DC, Northern Territory, 0820, Australia

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Kaoustos, Gabrielle – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:19:21

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Gabrielle Kaoustos
Sent	11/05/2021 1:19:21 PM

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Kaplan, Rosie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:34:43

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Rosie Kaplan
Sent	11/05/2021 4:34:43 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

Short statement. This is not OK.

Long statement I agree with everything in this letter.

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NO TO THEIR FUNDING

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Karlson, Steve – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:18:18

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From	Steve Karlson
Sent	11/05/2021 6:18:18 PM

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Kashubin, Rodion – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:14:37

Subject	The objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Rodion Kashubin
Sent	11/05/2021 3:14:37 PM

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Kaulfuss, Cheryl – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:41:32

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Cheryl Kaulfuss
Sent	11/05/2021 7:41:32 PM

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Keady, Maureen – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:34:43

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From	Maureen Keady
Sent	11/05/2021 5:34:43 PM

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Maureen Keady

Pagewood, New South Wales, 2035, Australia

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Kealley, Melanie – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 17:39:21

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Melanie Kealley
Sent	14/05/2021 5:39:21 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Melanie Kealley

Thornlie, Western Australia, 6108, Australia

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Kearney, Mark – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 08:30:57

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From	Mark Kearney
Sent	13/05/2021 8:30:57 AM

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Kelly, Alex – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 08:51:21

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From	Alex Kelly
Sent	13/05/2021 8:51:21 AM

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Alex Kelly

Moonlight Flat, Victoria, 3450, Australia

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Kelly, Daydd – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:35:19

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From	Daydd Kelly
Sent	11/05/2021 12:35:19 PM

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Guildford, Victoria, 3451, Australia

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Kelly, Jasper – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 21:16:32

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From	Jasper Kelly
Sent	19/05/2021 9:16:32 PM

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Opossum Bay, Tasmania, 7023, Australia

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Kelly, Joy – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:20:18

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From	Joy Kelly
Sent	11/05/2021 2:20:18 PM

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Joy Kelly

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Kemm, Garry – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 09:11:14

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Garry Kemm
Sent	14/05/2021 9:11:14 AM

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Kemp, Lee – Saturday, 15 May 2021 – 09:29:03

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Lee Kemp
Sent	15/05/2021 9:29:03 AM

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Kennedy, Geoff – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:47:28

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From	Geoff Kennedy
Sent	11/05/2021 1:47:28 PM

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Kennedy, Marty – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:35:37

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From	Marty Kennedy
Sent	11/05/2021 3:35:37 PM

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Kent, Alyse – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 09:41:56

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Alyse Kent
Sent	12/05/2021 9:41:56 AM

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Alyse Kent
Fairfield, Victoria, 3078, Australia

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Kent, Judyanne – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:02:08

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From	Judyanne Kent
Sent	11/05/2021 2:02:08 PM

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Kent, Robert – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:35:21

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Sent	11/05/2021 5:35:21 PM

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Robert Kent

Peel Island, Queensland, 4184, Australia

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Kenyon, Dawn – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:53:28

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From	Dawn Kenyon
Sent	11/05/2021 6:53:28 PM

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Yours sincerely,

dawn kenyon

San Antonio, Texas, 78216, United States

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Kerr, Barbara – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 06:44:45

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From	Barbara Kerr
Sent	12/05/2021 6:44:45 AM

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Dual submission

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Kerr, Jane – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 21:26:29

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From	Jane Kerr
Sent	12/05/2021 9:26:29 PM

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Jane Kerr

Bramley, Western Australia, 6285, Australia

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Keski-Nummi, Kaija – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 18:30:53

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From	Kaija Keski-Nummi
Sent	18/05/2021 6:30:53 PM

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Kaija Keski-Nummi
Clifton, New South Wales, 2515, Australia

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Kessler, Charlie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:46:35

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From	Charlie Kessler
Sent	11/05/2021 4:46:35 PM

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Keys, Deidre – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 08:43:29

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Sent	12/05/2021 8:43:29 AM

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Fawcetts Plain, New South Wales, 2474, Australia

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KILLIAN, NICHOLAS – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 13:48:21

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From	NICHOLAS KILLIAN
Sent	17/05/2021 1:48:21 PM

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Kilpatrick, Leigh – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:11:14

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Leigh Kilpatrick
Sent	11/05/2021 2:11:14 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Leigh Kilpatrick

Tawonga, Victoria, 3697, Australia

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Kinchela, Karra – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 19:24:48

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Karra Kinchela
Sent	18/05/2021 7:24:48 PM

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Karra Kinchela

Narrabri West, New South Wales, 2390, Australia

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King, Emma – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 09:01:03

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From	Emma King
Sent	12/05/2021 9:01:03 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Emma King

Guildford, Victoria, 3451, Australia

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King, George – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:22:21

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From	George King
Sent	11/05/2021 12:22:21 PM

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King, Grahame – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:26:15

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From	Grahame King
Sent	11/05/2021 1:26:15 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Grahame King
Mayfield East, New South Wales, 2304, Australia

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King, Julian – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:12:17

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From	Julian King
Sent	11/05/2021 12:12:17 PM

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julian king

Urunga, New South Wales, 2455, Australia

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King, Mark – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:41:17

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From	Mark King
Sent	11/05/2021 4:41:17 PM

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King, Sophia – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 13:57:35

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Sent	19/05/2021 1:57:35 PM

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Kingcott, Loris – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 07:43:03

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From	Loris Kingcott
Sent	13/05/2021 7:43:03 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Loris Kingcott

Eastwood, New South Wales, 2122, Australia

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Kirby, Annabella – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:37:17

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Annabella Kirby
Sent	11/05/2021 12:37:17 PM

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Annabella Kirby

Ocean Reef, Western Australia, 6027, Australia

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Kirby, Rylan – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 18:24:07

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Rylan Kirby
Sent	12/05/2021 6:24:07 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Rylan Kirby

Waarre, Victoria, 3269, Australia

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Kirkwood, Noela – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 20:30:28

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Noela Kirkwood
Sent	14/05/2021 8:30:28 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Noela Kirkwood

West Pymble, New South Wales, 2073, Australia

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Kitely, Ceri – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 08:24:49

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Ceri Kitely
Sent	12/05/2021 8:24:49 AM

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Yours Respectfully,

Ceri Kately

Darlington, Western Australia, 6070, Australia

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Kitely, Megan – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 01:23:18

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Megan Kitely
Sent	12/05/2021 1:23:18 AM

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Megan Kitely
Darwin DC, Northern Territory, 0820, Australia

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Kitely, Peter – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 08:27:11

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From	Peter Kitely
Sent	12/05/2021 8:27:11 AM

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Peter Kitley
Darlington, Western Australia, 6070, Australia

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Klein, Anthony – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 14:02:55

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From	Anthony Klein
Sent	12/05/2021 2:02:55 PM

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Rydalmere, New South Wales, 2116, Australia

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Kleiner, Jill – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 12:13:24

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jill Kleiner
Sent	19/05/2021 12:13:24 PM

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Yours sincerely,

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Klucis, Margaret – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:54:45

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Margaret Klucis
Sent	11/05/2021 1:54:45 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

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Margaret Klucis

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Knap, Jane – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:18:21

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From	Jane Knap
Sent	11/05/2021 1:18:21 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Jane Knap

Homebush, New South Wales, 2140, Australia

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Kneipp, Cheryl – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:06:45

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Cheryl Kneipp
Sent	11/05/2021 7:06:45 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Cheryl Kneipp

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Knop, Jennifer – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:12:06

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From	Jennifer Knop
Sent	11/05/2021 12:12:06 PM

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Knowles, Kate – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 20:30:34

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Kate Knowles
Sent	14/05/2021 8:30:34 PM

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Knowles, Susan – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:21:18

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From	Susan Knowles
Sent	11/05/2021 12:21:18 PM

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Susan Knowles

Corlette, New South Wales, 2315, Australia

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Knox, Robin – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 23:57:58

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From	Robin Knox
Sent	19/05/2021 11:57:58 PM

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Robin Knox

Nightcliff, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Kobs, Alex – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 21:07:22

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Sent	11/05/2021 9:07:22 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Alex Kobs

Salisbury Park, South Australia, 5109, Australia

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Koch, Hans – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:34:33

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Hans Koch
Sent	11/05/2021 1:34:33 PM

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yes, I use the pre-written Text, but this is only because I could not put my concerns for FRACKING in better words!

Please don't let companies wreck our Country for short term gain!

It will cost much more, to fix the problems caused, after the damage has been done.

It destroys the Landscape, it poisons Nature, it destroys the basic requirement's for our Plant and Animal, including Human beings, existence!

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Koch, Judith – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 19:23:57

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From	Judith Koch
Sent	12/05/2021 7:23:57 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Judith Koch
Labrador, Queensland, 4215, Australia

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Kodric, John – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:13:51

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Kolb, Gisela – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:15:25

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From	Gisela Kolb
Sent	11/05/2021 1:15:25 PM

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Northern Territory, 0872, Australia

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Koller, Claudia – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:33:07

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From	Claudia Koller
Sent	11/05/2021 12:33:07 PM

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Kooi, Symon – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:33:19

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East Devonport, Tasmania, 7310, Australia

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Sent	19/05/2021 4:09:18 PM

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Sera Koth

Girraween, Northern Territory, 0836, Australia

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Kowalski, Maria – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 16:26:02

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From	Maria Kowalski
Sent	14/05/2021 4:26:02 PM

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KP, Alan – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:36:30

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From	Alan KP
Sent	11/05/2021 3:36:30 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Alan KP
Borderdale, Western Australia, 6320, Australia

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Kraatz, Michelle – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:54:53

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From	Michelle Kraatz
Sent	11/05/2021 6:54:53 PM

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KRAUTER, JAE – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:46:17

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From	JAE KRAUTER
Sent	11/05/2021 12:46:17 PM

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Kruger, Ian – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:13:57

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:13:57 PM

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Kruss, Susan – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:19:47

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From	Susan Kruss
Sent	11/05/2021 2:19:47 PM

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Bell Post Hill, Victoria, 3215, Australia

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Küng, Reto – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 12:49:45

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Kuvalja, Claire – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 21:25:18

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Claire Kuvalja
Sent	12/05/2021 9:25:18 PM

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Lacey, Mack – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 08:49:31

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Mack Lacey
Sent	13/05/2021 8:49:31 AM

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Mack Lacey

Wodonga, Victoria, 3690, Australia

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Lacis, Karina – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:05:36

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From	Karina Lacis
Sent	11/05/2021 12:05:36 PM

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Karina Lacis

Fawcetts Plain, New South Wales, 2474, Australia

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Laherty, Alison – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:15:24

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From	Alison Laherty
Sent	11/05/2021 2:15:24 PM

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Alison Laherty

White Gums, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Lahne, Casey – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 08:13:29

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From	Casey Lahne
Sent	12/05/2021 8:13:29 AM

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Lai, Kathryn – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:41:38

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From	Kathryn Lai
Sent	11/05/2021 1:41:38 PM

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Laidlaw, Sam – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 15:56:10

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From	Sam Laidlaw
Sent	19/05/2021 3:56:10 PM

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Sam Laidlaw
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Laing, Geoff – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:08:43

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Lamba, Nishant – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 22:51:07

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From	Nishant Lamba
Sent	19/05/2021 10:51:07 PM

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Landerstedt, Katarina – Saturday, 15 May 2021 – 15:11:53

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Katarina Landerstedt
Sent	15/05/2021 3:11:53 PM

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Katarina Landerstedt

Holiday City, Ohio, 43543, USA

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Lane, Verna – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 07:35:32

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From	Verna Lane
Sent	14/05/2021 7:35:32 AM

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New South Wales, 2871, Australia

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Lang, Quentin – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:08:59

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From	Quentin Lang
Sent	11/05/2021 12:08:59 PM

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Ringwood East, Victoria, 3135, Australia

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Langfield, Russell – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:19:37

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From	Russell Langfield
Sent	11/05/2021 4:19:37 PM

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Langham, Richard – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 10:23:35

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From	Richard Langham
Sent	17/05/2021 10:23:35 AM

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Gidgegannup, Western Australia, 6083, Australia

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Lantman, Luke – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:11:11

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Sent	11/05/2021 7:11:11 PM

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Laranjeira, Ana – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 22:47:25

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Yours sincerely,

Ana Laranjeira

Marrara, Northern Territory, 0812, Australia

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Lasdauskas, Maggie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:50:09

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Maggie Lasdauskas
Sent	11/05/2021 4:50:09 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Maggie 00000000
Blackmans Bay, Tasmania, 7052, Australia

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LATEMORE, SALLY – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:11:43

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From	SALLY LATEMORE
Sent	11/05/2021 12:11:43 PM

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Laura, Kristie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:21:35

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Kristie Laura
Sent	11/05/2021 8:21:35 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Kristie Laura

Booyong, New South Wales, 2480, Australia

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Laussade-Long, Natalie – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 20:16:31

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Natalie Laussade-Long
Sent	18/05/2021 8:16:31 PM

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Laverack, Frances – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:40:35

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From	Frances Laverack
Sent	11/05/2021 12:40:35 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

Yes, another email objecting to Imperial/Empire Energy's proposed clearing and fracking in the Northern Territory.

But I could not put it any better than the attached, so consider this as my specific voice. Thank you for reading it carefully.

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Laws, Kerry – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 10:05:48

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From	Kerry Laws
Sent	17/05/2021 10:05:48 AM

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New South Wales, 2540, Australia

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LAZDOVSKIS, Ebonie – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 12:56:13

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From	Ebonie LAZDOVSKIS
Sent	19/05/2021 12:56:13 PM

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Ebonie LAZDOVSKIS

Mitchell, Northern Territory, 0832, Australia

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Lea, Patricia – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:41:10

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From	Patricia Lea
Sent	11/05/2021 1:41:10 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Patricia Lea

South Fremantle, Western Australia, 6162, Australia

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Leah, Penny – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 15:45:46

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Penny Leah
Sent	19/05/2021 3:45:46 PM

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Stop ?? this continuous environmental destruction B4 it's too late!

Yours sincerely,

Penny Leah

Wollogorang, New South Wales, 2581, Australia

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Leahy, Kath – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:59:02

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Kath Leahy
Sent	11/05/2021 3:59:02 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

Now is absolutely NOT the time to frack nor to mine fossil fuels! Have you no children or grandkids? At the present rate of emissions we will be at 3 degrees by century's end. I have skin in the game as my son and his kids will inherit an unstable, diminished habitat if we do not change our ways.

Make no mistake, there will be other consequences for individuals and nations that wilfully ignore the Science: Sanctions, collapsed economies, stranded assets, extreme weather events, possible criminal charges, loss of geopolitical and strategic status, to name but a few.

I am outraged that this company would receive millions in subsidy. Please, please vote this down.

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Kath Leahy

Bar Beach, New South Wales, 2300, Australia

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Leahy, Ruth – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 13:43:09

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Ruth Leahy
Sent	18/05/2021 1:43:09 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I could reword this template Objection Submission organised by Lock the Gate. But I don't see the point. Lock the Gate and their advisers are experts with regard to the detrimental effects of Fracking. I trust them.

However, I will add my personal comment. As regards the Traditional Owners of the country around Borroloola - Beetaloo Basin that is planned to be fracked and funded with taxpayers' money from NAIF. It is an abuse of Traditional Owners to destroy their country and culture. These people fought for decades for their Land Rights on what has always been their Never Ceded Sovereign country. Not Frackers' country. Not Northern Territory or Federal Governments' country. The Gunner Government lied in the previous NT Election that it would not frack, a policy it was elected on. Then reneged on its public promise. When First Nations Traditional Owners protested about Fracking of their country by digging up a small section of NT Parliament lawn, they were charged for Criminal Offence. Yet Frackers and Governments believe they can do whatever they want with their country. I suggest the "criminals" here are those, on the wrong side of history, who want to insist on unwarranted Fracking of First Nations' country, who choose to indulge in what amounts to modern day Invasion Wars.

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Yours sincerely,
Ruth Leahy
Dolphin Heads, Queensland, 4740, Australia

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Lee, Ben – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 07:25:56

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Ben Lee
Sent	12/05/2021 7:25:56 AM

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Ben Lee

Red Head, New South Wales, 2430, Australia

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Lee, Chris – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:12:11

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Chris Lee
Sent	11/05/2021 12:12:11 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Chris Lee

Mosman, New South Wales, 2088, Australia

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Lee, Robyn – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:17:10

Subject	Please do not let Empire Energy frack, destroy land and pollute water !
From	Robyn Lee
Sent	11/05/2021 3:17:10 PM

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Lee, Sandra – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 21:37:22

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From	Sandra Lee
Sent	17/05/2021 9:37:22 PM

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New South Wales, 2540, Australia

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Lee, Trudy – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 10:17:44

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Trudy Lee
Sent	19/05/2021 10:17:44 AM

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Trudy Lee

Girraween, Northern Territory, 0836, Australia

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Lees, Maryann – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:17:50

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Sent	11/05/2021 1:17:50 PM

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Leeson, Subi – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:28:51

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Sent	11/05/2021 4:28:51 PM

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Subi Leeson

Bambra, Victoria, 3241, Australia

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Legend, Diamond – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:03:00

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From	Diamond J Legend
Sent	11/05/2021 12:03:00 PM

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Diamond J Legend

New South Wales, 2469, Australia

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Legge, Zoe – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 21:24:37

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Zoe Legge
Sent	18/05/2021 9:24:37 PM

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Zoe Legge

Wirrimbi, New South Wales, 2447, Australia

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Legras, Bettina – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:54:42

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Sent	11/05/2021 1:54:42 PM

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Lekeu, Karon – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 10:48:47

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From	Karon Lekeu
Sent	12/05/2021 10:48:47 AM

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Lennon, Adele – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:12:18

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Adele Lennon
Sent	11/05/2021 8:12:18 PM

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Adele Lennon

Booyong, New South Wales, 2480, Australia

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Lennon, Vicki – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:11:32

Subject	I Object strongly to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Vicki Lennon
Sent	11/05/2021 4:11:32 PM

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Vicki Lennon

Huntingdale, Western Australia, 6110, Australia

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Lennox, Deirdre – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 07:20:23

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Deirdre Lennox
Sent	12/05/2021 7:20:23 AM

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Yours sincerely,
Deirdre Lennox
Low Isles, Queensland, 4873, Australia

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Lennox, Ian – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:35:44

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Sent	11/05/2021 4:35:44 PM

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Leonard, Freja – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 19:28:02

Subject	Powerful objection to the Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Freja Leonard
Sent	18/05/2021 7:28:02 PM

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Lesley, Jane – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 17:46:21

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From	Jane Lesley
Sent	17/05/2021 5:46:21 PM

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Lester, Tanya – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 09:52:19

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From	Tanya Lester
Sent	14/05/2021 9:52:19 AM

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Levingston, Iannekerry – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 11:41:16

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IanneKerry Levingston
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Lew, Dennis – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:04:36

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From	Dennis Lew
Sent	11/05/2021 3:04:36 PM

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Dennis Lew

Kirrawee DC, New South Wales, 2232, Australia

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Sent	11/05/2021 2:18:20 PM

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Lewis, Jacqueline – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 12:16:05

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From	Jacqueline Lewis
Sent	12/05/2021 12:16:05 PM

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Lewis, Jenny – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 22:22:34

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Sent	12/05/2021 10:22:34 PM

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Lower Beulah, Tasmania, 7306, Australia

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Liebig, Gerard – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 22:39:45

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From	Gerard Liebig
Sent	19/05/2021 10:39:45 PM

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Pearsall, Western Australia, 6065, Australia

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Lillie, Samantha – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 06:25:22

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From	Samantha Lillie
Sent	12/05/2021 6:25:22 AM

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Thank you.

Samantha

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Lillie, Samantha – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 17:00:33

Subject	LTG Submission re: Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Samantha Lillie
Sent	19/05/2021 5:00:33 PM

To whom it may concern,

Please see following documents attached in response to: Imperial ***** EP187 Work Program EMP.

Please contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Summary of attached documents below:

Kind regards

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Samantha Lillie
Northern Territory Coordinator
Protect Country Alliance
e: ***** <mailto:*****>
<https://www.protectcountrynt.org.au/>

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Attached Documents

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	LTG Resonse_Imperial EMP EP187_Section 3_Attachment A (3)
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19 May 2021

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Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security

Dear Minister Lawlor and Department,

Imperial Oil and Gas EP 187 Fracking Compliance Objection

Environmental Management Plan for Imperial Oil and Gas project 2021-2025 EP 187 Program (Imperial EMP)

I write on behalf of Lock the Gate Alliance in reference to Imperial Oil & Gas' Environmental Management Plan for project 2021-2025 EP 187 Program (Imperial EMP).

Lock the Gate welcomes the opportunity to make a submission on this EMP.

By way of background, Lock the Gate Alliance is a national grassroots organisation made up of over 150,000 individuals and over 250 local groups who are concerned about unsafe or inappropriate mining. Lock the Gate works across the NT and is committed to advocating for environmental and community health, and the productivity of locally sustainable economies.

We welcome the Community Bulletin #41 announcement in relation to updated scope of work into the Social, Cultural and Economic SREBA studies as a key recommendation from the Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory. Without more details forthcoming, we wish to iterate our concerns that remunerated consultants are appropriately independent of oil & gas sector interests.

We have a summary of key concerns applicable to this EMP. Although they are not exhaustive, we encourage the lens of this submission to be applied holistically to the full assessment of this EMP. It is our strong viewpoint that the magnitude of Imperial Oil & Gas's proposed works, and potential use of Federal funding to implement this program merits full and proper consideration under the Federal and Northern Territory jurisdictions.

We are concerned that key public interest details of the EMP are either deficient in the due diligence of information provided by Imperial Oil & Gas or have not been made publicly accessible. We recommend a full environmental impact assessment process to investigate the cumulative impact of the complex and highly concentrated scope of work in the proposed 2021-2025 program of work.

Furthermore, we reject the EMP on the basis the EMP does not meet a requirement for the Environment Minister to be reasonably satisfied that the approval criteria in the Petroleum (Environment) Regulations 2016 (PER) has been met.

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Please find detailed components of our concerns in attached documentation. The document is written in three parts. The first section addresses due process. The second section addresses overall concerns with recommendations for review and implementation. A third section includes supplementary information. This is included as Attachment A.

We wish to acknowledge that this document, with inclusion of Attachment A is extensive, but feel the length is required due to the concerns at hand.

Your sincerely,

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c/o Lock the Gate Alliance

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(Summary)**

Petroleum (Environment) Regulations (PER), 2016 (Part 2, Division 2, Clause 9):

- (1) The approval criteria for an environment management plan are that the plan must: (a) include all the information required by Schedule 1; and
(b) be appropriate for the nature and scale of the regulated activity to which the plan relates; and
(c) demonstrate that the activity will be carried out in a manner by which the environmental impacts and environmental risks of the activity will be reduced to a level that is: (i) as low as reasonably practicable; and
(ii) acceptable; and
(d) include an Authority Certificate in relation to the land on which the activity will be carried out.*

Clause 11(2) of the PER requires the Environment Minister to be “reasonably satisfied that the plan meets the approval criteria” before approving the plan.

With regards to Petroleum (Environment) Regulations, 2016, Schedule 1, we draw your attention to Petroleum (Environment) Regulations, 2016 (Schedule 1, Clause 3 (1), (2), Clause 4A(d) & (H) in regards to the EMP’s failure to include assessment of indirect and cumulative impacts of proposed activities and satisfactorily address use of Hydraulic Fracturing Chemicals, specifically:

Schedule 1, Clause 3 requires the following information to be included in the EMP:

- (1) A plan must include:*
*(a) details of all environmental impacts and environmental risks of the regulated activity described in the plan and an assessment of those impacts and risks; and
(b) a description of the process used to assess the environmental impacts and environmental risks.*
(2) The assessment mentioned in subclause (1)(a) must be of:
*(a) all the environmental impacts and environmental risks arising **directly or indirectly** from:*
*(i) all aspects of the regulated activity; and
(ii) potential emergency conditions, whether resulting from an incident or any other reason; and
(b) the **cumulative effects** of those impacts and risks when considered with each other and in conjunction with any other activities or events that occurred or may occur in or near the permit area for the regulated activity.*

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Schedule 1, Clause 4A(d) & (H) require the following information to be included in the EMP:

If the activity is hydraulic fracturing, a plan must specify the following information in relation to any chemical or other substance that may be in, or added to, any treatment fluids to be used in the course of the activity:

(d) the purpose of the chemical or other substance;

(h) the requirements in relation to the management of the chemical or other substance of the prescribed chemical legislation.

For noting:

Well Operations Management Plan (WOMP)

The main EMP document states: "Parallel to the EMP, Imperial is compiling a Well Operations Management Plan (WOMP) to cover the Drilling, Hydraulic Fracture (HF), and Extended Production Test (EPT) activities to be carried out under this EMP. The WOMP will be submitted to DITT for approval before those activities are carried out."(page 65)

In B.3 of the Code of Practice: Onshore Petroleum Activities in the Northern Territory, requirements for the WOMP are set out as follows:

"Interest holders shall have a well operations management plan (WOMP) approved for regulated well activities, as required by the Schedule. WOMPs must address the mandatory requirements set out in this Code."

From the EMP it is clear that the WOMP has not yet been approved by DITT. We note that the PER does not require the WOMP to be provided as part of the EMP. However, it may be open to argue that the Minister cannot not reasonably be satisfied that the EMP demonstrates that the risks and impacts associated with well integrity loss have been reduced to ALARP and acceptable levels without reference to the WOMP, and therefore that the Minister cannot be satisfied that approval criterion in cl 9(1)(c) of the PER has been met.

Authority Certificate

The approval criterion in Clause 9(1)(d) of the PER requires the EMP to include an Authority Certificate in relation to the land on which the activity will be carried out.

We note that the EMP does include an authority certificate. Therefore, it is open to argue that the Minister should not approve the EMP until an authority certificate is provided. 16. We also note that the EMP is not consistent when referring to the status of the Authority Certificate:

- a. Page 13 of the EMP states "Imperial has applied for an AAPA certificate and will supply it to DEPWS when received."
- b. Page 32 of the EMP states "AAPA certificates for all exploration activities have been obtained for all activities proposed in this EMP."

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- c. Page 37 of the EMP states “AAPA certificate: TBA”
- d. Page 82 of the EMP states at 4.4.1 “An AAPA certificate will be in place before works are carried out under his [sic] EMP.”
- e. Page 87 of the EMP states “The areas proposed to be disturbed have been surveyed for sacred sites and cultural heritage significance, and an AAPA certificate is in place.”

A copy of the relevant Authority Certificate was not included in the EMP.

Cultural heritage impacts

The approval criteria at cl 9(1)(c) of the PER requires that the EMP "demonstrate that the activity will be carried out in a manner by which the environmental impacts and environmental risks of the activity will be reduced to a level that is: (i) as low as reasonably practicable; and (ii) acceptable."

Environment is not defined in the PER but the *Petroleum Act 1984* defines the term by reference to the *Environment Protection Act 2019*. In section 6 of that Act, “environment means all aspects of the surroundings of humans including physical, biological, economic, ***cultural and social aspects***.”

Therefore, to meet the approval criteria in cl 9(1)(c) of the PER, the EMP is required to demonstrate that impacts and risks to Aboriginal cultural heritage are ALARP and acceptable.

In our view, in the absence of the Authority Certificate, it is open to argue that the Minister could not be satisfied that the approval criteria in cl 9(1)(c) of the PER have been met in respect to impacts and risks to Aboriginal cultural heritage. In this regard, however, we note that the EMP does include an archaeological survey at Appendix 01.01, and references other anthropological surveys conducted at pages 13 and 82 of the EMP.

**Environmental Management Plan for Imperial Oil and Gas project 2021-2025 EP 187
Program (Imperial EMP)**

Overall concerns and recommendations for EMP Review

**RE: Objection and comments with relation to Imperial Oil & Gas Pty Ltd 2021-2025 EP187
Work Program Environment Management Plan (EMP)**

We reject the EMP on the basis it does not meet a requirement for the Environment Minister to be reasonably satisfied that the approval criteria in the Petroleum (Environment) Regulations 2016 (PER) have been met and we recommend the EMP is refused and a full environment impact assessment process is conducted to investigate the cumulative impact of the complex and highly concentrated scope of work proposed.

Social and Cultural Concerns

AAPA certificate

We draw your attention to the Final Report of the Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory (Pepper Enquiry Report), most specifically

Recommendation 11.1 That gas companies be required to obtain an Authority Certificate prior to the grant of any exploration and production approvals.

We note that Imperial Oil and Gas has applied for, but apparently not received, a certificate of approval from the Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority to undertake work in the proscribed areas. Of concern is that archaeological survey work does not cover the full four-year program scope of work proposed by EMP, or its complexity - and that initial survey work is confined to proscribed 2021 activities only. The report notes that a full systematic survey has not yet been completed and that initial survey studies 'inadvertently discovered some of the most significant archaeological sites in the region' and that these sites were 'found by chance.'¹

In terms of stakeholder engagement, we also note the EMP has not referenced publicly documented concerns from a family directly responsible for maintaining a dreaming site within 30 kilometres of Carpenteria 1, the locality of which sits above the Cambrian limestone aquifer². The Cambrian limestone aquifer has previously been documented by CSIRO for being at risk of contamination.³

¹ [Imperial OG 2021-2023 EP187 Program -appendices \(nt.gov.au\)](#), p68

"Two rockshelters, Balbirini 1 and 2 were located during mobilisation. Both are in EP187, but these are outside of the proposed 2021 work area programme. These sites have a high archaeological significance as they may be used to date the initial Aboriginal occupation in the Carpentaria region' 'Well sites CARP AA and CARP AB north of the highway will require a systematic archaeological survey should their placement area, or placement zone, increase from 300m to 1.5km radii. Small creeks and drainage channels, that may contain archaeological material, intersect these sites

² Fracking on Country in the NT by Rick Morton (Saturday Paper), December 19, 2020 – January 22, 2021, No 332 [Fracking on Country in the NT | The Saturday Paper](#)

³ <https://www.csiro.au/en/News/News-releases/2021/Tiny-new-species-discovered-as-scientists-outback-fishing-trip-bags-exotic-catch> (p11-21). For noting: [Why Frack Wastewater Injected Underground Doesn't Always Stay There - The Allegheny Front](#)

Specific details of the proposed vertical and horizontal drilling depths and locations for the entire project need further detail for the conditions of the project - including consideration for cultural safety - to satisfy grant of an AAPA certificate. Doing so will allow a more satisfactory determination that can better determine potential discrepancies between the EMP project's description and approved activities of a potential AAPA certificate so that they can be mitigated.

Recommendations:

1. That the EP187 EMP is rejected given the failure of Imperial Oil and Gas to implement a full archeological survey
2. That the EP187 EMP is refused given that the full requirements of an AAPA certificate are not satisfied.

FPIC and Social License

RMIT University released a study on 17 March 2021 regarding public reports that mining companies flout human rights conventions when negotiating with Indigenous Australians, drawing attention to the activities of three major mining projects including Origin Energy (gas fracturing in the Beetaloo) and Glencore (McArthur River Mine).⁴ Their recommendations are included at **Attachment A (1)** noting the following.

“The backlash following Rio Tinto’s decision to destroy the Juukan caves in Western Australia has ...also demonstrated - as in the case of Bravus, Origin, and Glencore - that companies need to start adhering to international laws on the rights of Indigenous Peoples, as well as business and human rights frameworks” (First Peoples and Land Justice Issues in Australia: Addressing Deficits in Corporate Responsibility, page 4)

We are concerned that consultation has not been adequate to provide opportunities for Free Proper and Informed Consent for all those traditional owners that hold interconnected cultural and familial obligations for the extensive Imperial Oil and Gas holdings interlinked with EP187 - including, for example, EP180, EP181, EP182, EP183, EP184 and EP188.

Concerns about consultation in relation to oil and gas projects has been raised by Traditional Owners recently in the general McArthur area⁵. This is significant, noting the challenge of translating highly technical information about fracking into local languages, is a significant barrier to Free Proper and Informed Consent (FPIC).⁵⁶

We note with concern, that Imperial Oil & Gas has previously submitted an application to commence exploration drilling in the wet season.

Recommendations:

3. That EP187 EMP is refused unless and until stakeholder issues are resolved as per **Schedule 1, Part 3, (9) (1d) of the Petroleum Environment Regulations (2016)**.

⁴<https://www.sbs.com.au/news/mining-companies-flout-human-rights-conventions-when-negotiating-with-indigenous-australians-study-finds>

⁵ NLC meetings held at short notice [Beetaloo Aboriginal traditional owners fear gas fracking threat to sacred water sites - The World Today - ABC Radio](#) and [Fracking on Country in the NT | The Saturday Paper](#) (full transcript as Attachment A)

4. That Imperial Oil & Gas make full disclosure of consultation and two-way communication with communities, in particular, demonstrate how it established FPIC from Traditional Owners and communities in relation to the full suite of its proposed fracking project and surrounding titles.
5. That Imperial Oil & Gas engage comprehensively and directly with Traditional Owners to settle the matter of whether there is FPIC for fracking to occur under its current petroleum leases.⁶
6. The current EMP is withdrawn until full stakeholder consultation is undertaken and completed.

General consultation and notification

In regard to the Pepper Enquiry Report:

Recommendation 14.5: That the Minister must take into account comments received during the public consultation period when assessing a draft EMP.

We believe that 28 days is an inappropriate time frame for the public to respond to such a large project and express concern about an NTG decision to remove paper-based notification from local newspapers and the communities that rely on them for information.

Further, we note that it has been reported today that the online “Have Your Say” notification which was supposed to replace newspaper advertisements has not functioned to inform those who have registered⁷, and as such we argue very strongly that proper consultation has demonstrably NOT occurred. Therefore, we argue that the consultation has been completely inadequate, and that the Minister cannot make a decision on the EMP in that context.

We are likewise concerned at the timing of this project’s proposal, and its adverse social impacts on community, particularly in relation to ongoing issues and concern in regard to Glencore’s McArthur River Mine and community participation in the Federal Juukan Gorge Inquiry.

Recommendations:

7. That the EMP is re-advertised for consultation and that all people who have signed up for the notification on the Have Your Say website are informed and given a proper opportunity to review and comment on it.
8. That assessment of this project is deferred until full resolution of community matters relating to McArthur River Mine and the Juukan Gorge Inquiry are resolved⁸.

Flora and Fauna

The absence of baseline data by way of SREBA⁹ in relation to EP187 and surrounding areas is a significant concern. With reference to the Pepper Enquiry Report:

⁶ 2021-FPIC-ThirdDraft-SinglePages-Compressed (4).pdf First Peoples and Land Justice Issues in Australia, Addressing Deficits in Corporate Accountability

⁷ [Concern about lack of transparency around new fracking proposal](#)

⁸ [Northern Territory traditional owners likely to testify at Juukan Gorge inquiry \(sbs.com.au\)](#)

⁹ SREBA: Strategic Regional Environmental Baseline Assessment. Reference: Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory (Summary of the Final Report), p29

“The Panel recognised that existing Northern Territory mapping datasets cannot be relied upon and recommended that significant *“on-ground work will therefore be needed to comprehensively map the occurrence and distribution of terrestrial biodiversity assets of regions likely to be affected by the extraction of any onshore shale gas.”* (Chapter 15, p. 448)

The SREBA also identified the effects of this knowledge gap on our ability to properly assess risks (p. 8):

“Limited information on biodiversity assets and their location impedes the ability to properly assess the risks of any unconventional gas development (especially cumulative impacts over large areas) and reduces the ability to plan the location of infrastructure to minimise the risk of unacceptable impacts to aquatic and terrestrial biota.”¹⁰

Furthermore:

Recommendation 14.19 That prior to granting any further exploration approvals, cl 3(2)(b) of Sch 1 of the Petroleum Environment Regulations be amended to read as follows: “3(2)(b) [delete ‘as far as practicable’] any cumulative effects of those impacts and risks when considered both together and in conjunction with other events, activities or industries, including any other petroleum activities and extractive industries, that have occurred or that may occur in or near the location of the activity or in or near the region, area or play where the regulated activity is located”.¹¹

We express concern that terrestrial data provided in the EMP does not address knowledge gaps identified in the Pepper Enquiry Report, and that the EMP is therefore insufficient to warrant approval for the large-scale schedule of work proposed by Imperial Oil & Gas. A summary of these concerns relating to cumulative impacts, survey methodology, vegetation communities, threatened fauna and flora, impact assessment and mitigation (wastewater, weeds, noise, light and vibration) and as well as effect on feral predators is included at **Attachment A (2)**.

To note:

- The EMP Mitigation strategies do not reflect best practice principles¹²
- The EMP downplays risk to flora and fauna, particularly in the event of incremental variances to vegetation clearances ‘on the ground’;
- EMP data on the cumulative impact of land clearance segmentation within the region is insufficient and requires broader and due consideration;
- The EMP contravenes recommendation 7.12 of the Pepper Enquiry Report that ‘enclosed tanks must be used to hold all wastewater’;

¹⁰ Imperial Review by Dr Renata Bali, p9

¹¹ Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory (Summary of the Final Report) p52

¹² Imperial Review by Dr Renata Bali, p15

- EMP calculations of anywhere between 24-56 open air wastewater evaporation tanks poses unacceptable risk to biodiversity¹³;
- The EMP revised desktop and field survey information falls short in due diligence of a full systematic survey of the region. This is highly significant due to Imperial Oil & Gas holdings of several tenements directly adjacent to and ecologically interlinked with EP187 - these being for example, EP180, EP181, EP182, EP183, EP184 and EP188;
- Commitment to a broader regional survey of the region's environment is likely to indicate a level of environmental significance requiring referral under NT EP Act and also under the Federal EPBC Act 1999.

Recommendations:

9. That the EMP in its current form is rejected
10. The EMP be referred to the NT EPA for a full Environmental Impact Assessment under Section 50 of the NT EPA Act.
11. That due diligence measures are applied to undertake a full and comprehensive systematic environmental survey, with respect to all cumulative impacts on fauna and flora;
12. That the Environmental Impact Assessment examines nearby exploration permits in the vicinity of EP187 - these being EP180, EP181, EP182, EP183, EP184 and EP188 as per Schedule 1, Part 1, (3) (2b) of the Petroleum Environment Regulations (2016).
13. The NT Government/Imperial also refers the project to the Federal Government under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 due to the scale of the impacts and the cumulative impacts in relation to biodiversity, heritage and other matters

Water

We express concern that terrestrial data provided in the EMP does not address knowledge gaps identified in the Pepper Enquiry Report, and that the publicly available documents provided in the EMP are therefore insufficient to warrant its approval. With response to the EMP, we draw attention to the following recommendations from the Pepper Enquiry Report below with addition information included at **Attachment A (3)**:

Recommendation 7.2 That the Government introduces a charge on water for all onshore shale gas activities

Recommendation 7.3 That the Australian Government amends the EPBC Act to apply the 'water trigger' to onshore shale gas development

¹³ Calculations from EMP: 4 wellpads per well = minimum 28 wellpads, (1 to 2 tanks per wellpad = anything between 22-56 open evaporation/closed tanks. EMP IMP4-1 - Imperial OG 2021-2025 EP187 Program, p1-39, [Link](#)

Recommendation 7.6 That prior to the grant of any further exploration approvals, the use of all surface water resources for any onshore shale gas activity in the NT be prohibited.

Recommendation 7.19 That cumulative impacts of petroleum and other activities in the region must be considered by a decision-maker

We express concern that SREBA work to address knowledge gaps has not been completed, much less undertaken more broadly across all areas over which hydraulic fracturing exploration permits (EPs) have been granted, including those granted to Imperial Oil & Gas. This is highly significant due to Imperial Oil & Gas holdings of several tenements directly adjacent to and ecologically interlinked with EP187 - these being for example, EP180, EP181, EP182, EP183, EP184 and EP188.

We are concerned that in the absence of a SREBA, the EMP does not satisfactorily address knowledge gaps in relation to interconnected regional aquifers and the flow rates and associated risks of contamination between them, the existence of stygofauna and the impact of hydraulic fracturing activities upon groundwater dependent ecosystems, as per concerns reflected in the Pepper Enquiry Report¹⁴. We consider this to be significant, noting the high volume of water extracted, combined with the risks of environmental exposure to toxic chemicals in wastewater, either in open evaporation ponds or through release of potentially radioactive mud through drilling processes, which has the potential to effect surrounding fauna and flora surface and subsurface ecosystems¹⁵. Furthermore, we question the social license of such an extractive process, noting ongoing, and unresolved matters in regard to water contamination associated with nearby Glencore and the McArthur River mine.

We also note that Schedule 1 of the Petroleum (Environment) Regulations 2016, insufficiently addresses broader public interest and social licence concerns in relation to voluminous water extraction, much less alternative provisions such as water trading, in the event that water allocations are exhausted, and hence that a full environmental impact assessment under the NT EPA Act is warranted.

With further regard to the EMP, we note insufficient precautionary measures as applies to the following observations:

- Insufficient information on gamma logging to unequivocally differentiate between aquifer formations, such as the Beetaloo Sub-Basin and the Gum Ridge aquifer on EP187;

¹⁴ Pepper Enquiry Report: Summary-Report__April-2018_WEB (1).pdf

¹⁵ A Drilling Log file from SANTOS's Tanumbirini 1 work program in the Beetaloo Basin shows evidence that approximately 21 million litres of fracking fluids were lost within the first 400 metres of a drilling process, in an area in which research has shown the presence of stygofauna[iii]. By comparison, the Imperial Oil and Gas proposal to drill 6-7 wells in a concentrated area could put at least 126-147 million litres of pollutants into local aquifers

- Insufficient precautionary measures regarding fluids used during the initial drilling process that contain a number of chemicals, including biocides that are not authorised for release into water systems. The EMP makes direct reference to the use of biocides. There is a significant risk these fluids will enter the environment outside of their well casings, becoming 'lost' in the underground water systems;¹⁶¹⁷
- Insufficient publicly available data to ascertain the impact of untreated wastewater in open evaporation ponds, noting the EMP proposes anywhere between 24 to 56 open evaporation ponds;
- Insufficient precaution regarding the proximity to groundwater from drilling in shallow shale layers close to a water table closest to the surface (1095 metre down), which presents significant seismic, contamination and salinity risks¹⁸¹⁹;
- Insufficient precautionary measures in relation to EMP proposal to frack 1.1km from a water bore. This is the minimum set back distance permitted, and 1.1km does not leave much room for error. The Pepper Inquiry found that fracking within a kilometre of water bores poses an unacceptable risk of water contamination; and
- Insufficient precautionary measures in relation to proximity of creek links, in addition to inadequate flood modelling.

Recommendations:

14. The EMP is refused and Imperial is required to conduct a full assessment under the NT EPA (under Section 50 of the NT EPA Act) to properly address water risks, including interconnectivity of aquifers, flow rates and proper registration of new species and to assess the full cumulative impacts on water including extraction and licensing.

15. The EMP is refused based on Pepper Report Enquiry Recommendation 7.7, noting that interest holders cannot commence production activities in the Beetaloo Sub-basin, or other regions of the NT, until groundwater conditions are understood.

16. The EMP is refused unless or until a systematic SREBA process has been

¹⁶ Table 6, Waste management from Appendix 6 page 15 of the Imperial EMP, [Imperial OG 2021-2023 EP187 Program - Appendices \(nt.gov.au\)](#)

¹⁷ A Drilling Log file from SANTOS's Tanumbirini 1 work program in the Beetaloo Basin shows evidence that approximately 21 million litres of fracking fluids were lost within the first 400 metres of a drilling process, in an area in which research has shown the presence of stygofauna[iii]. By comparison, the Imperial Oil and Gas proposal to drill 6-7 wells in a concentrated area could put at least 126 millions litres of pollutants into local aquifers. It is completely unacceptable to allow these chemicals into aquifers where Stygofauna live and people draw drinking water. Additional references: [i] Gavin Rees, Stefanie Oberprieler, Daryl Nielsen, Garth Watson, Michael Shackleton and Jenny Davis, 2020 "Characterisation of the stygofauna and microbial assemblages of the Beetaloo Sub-basin, Northern Territory " GISERA project number: W18. December 2020. Note: water monitoring and reporting should be undertaken by contractors independent of Santos and other fracking companies.

¹⁸ Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory (Summary of the Final Report), p58

¹⁹ [Geoscientists find that shallow wastewater injection drives deep earthquakes in Texas \(phys.org\)](#)

undertaken into directly impacted and surrounding areas over which Imperial Oil & Gas exploration permits have been approved, these being EP 187, EP180, EP181, EP182, EP183, EP184 and EP188.

Well Operations Management Plan (WOMP)

With reference to the Pepper Enquiry Report:

Recommendation 14.21 That as part of the environmental assessment and approval process for all exploration and production approvals, the Minister be required to consider the cumulative impacts of any proposed onshore shale gas activity.

We note that Schedule 1 of the Petroleum (Environment) Regulations 2016, is an unsatisfactory framework for assessing the full cumulative risks from the proposed schedule or works set out in the Imperial Oil & Gas Pty Ltd 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program Environment Management Plan (EMP) and support the EMP being referred to the NT EPA for full environmental impact statement, as per Section 50 of the Act.

We draw to attention our concern that many essential details in the EMP have been shifted away from public scrutiny and are instead contained within the Well Operations Management Plan (WOMP). This is particularly important in relation to details regarding **Waste Management, Chemicals, Well Integrity, Climate Change, Human Health, Regulatory Compliance and full (plug and abandonment) plans for Rehabilitation.**

Of particular concern is that an approved EMP will not be reflective of changes in work that take place 'on the ground' under WOMP documentation. There is significant risk that unknown changes to 'work on the ground' could adversely impact the environment, and damage Imperial Oil & Gas' social licence to continue current and future proposed work in the area. This is highly significant due to Imperial Oil & Gas holdings of several tenements directly adjacent to and ecologically interlinked with EP187 - these being for example, EP180, EP181, EP182, EP183, EP184 and EP188.

Recommendation:

17. That the EMP is refused unless, or until, it includes a completed WOMP that has been subject to public consultation in order for you to be satisfied that the relevant criteria under the petroleum regulation have been met.

Without access to the WOMP, a summary of further key concerns are listed below. (Please note that these are not exhaustive).

- In relation to EP187, the necessity for a SREBA process to addresses data deficiency in relation to microbiologically-influenced corrosion to well casings, particularly in relation to

the Moorak aquifer and its interconnection to surface waterways including Limmen Bight National Park and the McArthur River

- In relation to EP187, the necessity for systematic due diligence in relation to chemical disclosure as well as assessment by relevant government bodies in relation to carcinogens, biocides, radioactive material and potential PFAS ('forever chemicals;') insufficiently investigated within this EMP and their adverse consequences to water, human and animal health;
- In relation to EP187, we support consideration of the cumulative effects of land clearing, trucking, groundwater extraction and greenhouse gas emissions, and that emissions from EP187 as well as those across the sector are appropriately investigated and reported as a representation of total emissions in the Northern Territory, rather than disingenuously absorbed into national or global GHG emission figures. across industries.²⁰ (refer Section 50 under the NT EPA)
- In relation to EP187 we express concern at the lack of an NT emissions policy and question the appropriateness of introducing new fossil fuel deposits which conflict with global IPCC trends towards less-polluting forms of energy generation. We note that EMP GHG emissions are projected at best, to be approximately 77,500 tCO₂-e per year for consecutive years. We question the cumulative emissions from the flaring of 7 fracked wells, noting that Santos currently contributes approximately 1% of the NT greenhouse gas emissions through its own fracking activities²¹.
- In relation to EP187, we note that Imperial Oil & Gas (Empire Energy) is seeking federal funding through the Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program, yet has not demonstrated good faith or commitment to corporate accountability by providing an NT-costed and CPI adjusted financial assurances or bank guarantees to ensure that fracked wells are monitored in perpetuity. Surface rehabilitation is not enough, and there is concern that even plugging and abandonment measures are not enough to adequately counter future and eventual contamination²²²³;

²⁰ Pepper Enquiry Report Recommendation 9.8 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.

²¹ Reference required also, human impact here: [Too hot, heading south: how climate change may drive one-third of doctors out of the NT \(theconversation.com\)](https://theconversation.com/too-hot-heading-south-how-climate-change-may-drive-one-third-of-doctors-out-of-the-nt-125444)

²² Note: In a 2019 study published in *The American Economic Review*, Boomhower finds that by requiring firms to show financial assurance through a bond, there is approximately a 70% decrease in orphaned wells [Drilling Like There's No Tomorrow: Bankruptcy, Insurance, and Environmental Risk \(aeweb.org\)](https://aeweb.org/publications/drilling-like-there-s-no-tomorrow-bankruptcy-insurance-and-environmental-risk)

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²³ 50 years after it ceased operation "The...second rehabilitation attempt is significant, as it recognises mine rehabilitation isn't always successful, even if it appears so at first. **Rum Jungle serves as a warning: rehabilitation shouldn't be an afterthought, but carefully planned, invested in and monitored for many, many years. Otherwise, as we've seen, it'll be left up to future taxpayers to fix**". [The story of Rum Jungle: a Cold War-era uranium mine that's spewed acid into the environment for decades \(phys.org\)](https://phys.org/news/2020-05-the-story-of-rum-jungle-a-cold-war-era-uranium-mine-that-s-spewed-acid-into-the-environment-for-decades.html)

- In relation to EP187, we note insufficient and unsatisfactory, publicly available information in the Emergency Contingency Plan to adequately address public health concern measures in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic. We note activity plans for high level project work coincide with peak visitation during the NT's dry season.²⁴
 - In relation to EP187, we express concern at the likely prospect of cross contamination through proposed waste traveling through planned piping system and suggest that radioactivity samples of the area are conducted as part of SREBA process prior to further exploration activities;
 - In relation to EP187 we express concern at the significant risk of accident and contamination through proposed trucking of waste chemical long-distance down hazardous black soil areas along the Tablelands Highway, and the potential for wet season transport accidents including spills of highly toxic chemicals
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Regulations and Compliance

Please refer to our separate summary under section "Failure of Due Process in the Environmental Management Plan for Imperial Oil and Gas project 2021-2025 EP 187 Program (Imperial EMP)" which outlines why believe that the relevant criteria under Petroleum (Environment) Regulations 2016 have not been met, and why the Minister cannot be satisfied of such.

In addition to our main concerns, we draw attention to the following reference points for noting and consideration:

With regards to the Pepper Inquiry Report:

Recommendation 14.11 That the Petroleum Act be amended to make the principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD) a mandatory relevant consideration for any decision made under that Act in relation to any onshore shale gas industry. That the principles of ESD must be taken into account and applied by a decision-maker in respect of all decisions concerning any onshore shale gas industry²⁵

In our view, this proposal is clearly inconsistent with the principles of ESD, for the many reasons outlined in this submission.

²⁴ (Schedule 1, Part 2 (8) of the Petroleum Environment Regulations (2016)

²⁵ Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory (Summary of the Final Report)

We also note that this EMP is beginning to reveal the very problem that the Pepper Inquiry warned against in the final report, where it stated:

“During the course of consultations, many members of the community and some stakeholders expressed a concern about ‘exploration creep’, that is, the risk that a large number of exploration wells are constructed, drilled and hydraulically fractured on an exploration permit, rather than on a production licence, prior to the completion of a SREBA and the implementation of many of the Panel’s recommendations. The Panel agrees that safeguards are needed to mitigate this risk. The cumulative impacts of any onshore shale gas activities that occur during the exploration phase of development must be assessed, taken into account and appropriately mitigated’.”²⁶

It is very clear from this statement, that any approval of this EMP would directly contradict the clear intent of the Pepper Inquiry in this regard - given the absence of a defined threshold for determining ‘exploration creep’ - and noting that cumulative impacts have not been assessed, necessary safeguards are not in place and SREBA has not yet been completed.

CONCLUSION

The 2018 Pepper Enquiry's final report is noteworthy for capturing the Territory's community's overwhelming opposition towards fracking in the NT. It exposed the NTs legacy of contaminated and poorly rehabilitated mines as the source of ongoing community mistrust and the lack of social license to progress any fracked-gas projects.

“In this context, it must be noted that the strong antipathy surrounding hydraulic fracturing for onshore shale gas demonstrated during the consultations did not abate. For a significant majority of the people participating in the Inquiry, the overwhelming consensus was that hydraulic fracturing for onshore shale gas in the NT is not safe, is not trusted and is not wanted”²⁷

In the context of the ongoing failure of the fracking industry to obtain a social license to operate in the Territory, as highlighted above by the Pepper Inquiry, and the multiple, severe inadequacies of the EMP as outlined in this submission, we strongly contend that the EMP must be refused.

²⁶ Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory (Summary of the Final Report) p48

²⁷ Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory (Summary of the Final Report) p6

First Peoples and Land Justice Issues in Australia: Addressing Deficits in Corporate Accountability (published by RMIT, 17 March 2021)¹

The report notes that all companies should:

- Adhere to international business and human rights norms, including those contained in UNDRIP, ICERD, ICCPR, UN Global Compact, and UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights;
- Consult and cooperate in good faith with First Peoples through their own representative institutions in order to obtain their FPIC before undertaking projects that may affect them, including mining and other utilisation of resources;
- Make and adhere to due diligence commitments to ensure no further damage to sacred sites or anthropological sites.”²

With regard to Imperial Oil & Gas Pty Ltd 2021-2025 EP187 and the principles of FPIC, we note the following report recommendations:

Recommendations (p16):

- Amend the Mining Management Act 2001 (NT) to make the publication of mine management plans mandatory;
- Amend the Environmental Protection Act 2019 (NT) to include the requirement of FPIC from Traditional Owners for projects being assessed under the Act;
- Amend the Environmental Protection Act 2019 (NT) to impose a chain of responsibility on companies and their related parties so that they bear the cost of managing and rehabilitating sites.

With regard to Imperial Oil & Gas Pty Ltd 2021-2025 EP187 and the matter of rehabilitation, we further note the following report recommendations:

Recommendation 15: Use powers under the Inquiries Act 2011 (NT) to investigate the current state and future of the mine, with independent assessment of:

- Rehabilitation scenarios
- Current regulatory requirements;
- The adequacy of the rehabilitation bond;
- The economic viability of the mine. (refers to McArthur River Mine)

Recommendation 16: Amend the Environmental Protection Act 2019 (NT) to include the requirement of FPIC from Traditional Owners for projects assessed under the Act.

¹ 2021-FPIC-ThirdDraft-SinglePages-Compressed (4).pdf

² UNDRIP (United Nations Declaration on the rights of Indigenous Peoples, ICERD (International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination), ICCPR (International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights), in ‘First Peoples and Land Justice Issues in Australia, Addressing Deficits in Corporate Responsibility’, p5. 2021-FPIC-ThirdDraft-SinglePages-Compressed (4).pdf

Recommendation 17: Amend the Environmental Protection Act 2019 (NT) to impose a chain of responsibility on companies and their related parties so that they bear the cost of managing and rehabilitating sites.

Environment Management Plan Imperial Oil and Gas: 2021-2025 EP 187 Work
Program NT Exploration Permit (EP) 187

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INTRODUCTION

I was briefed by the Environmental Defenders Office on behalf of Lock the Gate Alliance to review the document 'Environment Management Plan Imperial Oil and Gas: 2021-2025 EP 187 Work Program NT Exploration Permit (EP) 187' (EMP), particularly those sections relating to terrestrial biodiversity.

As part of my review, I have considered the EMP main report and the following appendices in detail:

- Appendix 01 – Description of the existing environment for the Project Area •
Appendix 01.02 – EP187 Environmental Assessment Report 2021-2023 Seismic and Drilling Program (Fox & Co Environmental, March 2021)
- Appendix 3 – Risk Assessment Framework
- Appendix 4 – Risk Assessment
- Appendix 6 – Waste and Wastewater Management Plan
- Appendix 8 – Fire Management Plan
- Appendix 9 – Weed Management Plan (Fox & Co Environmental, March

2021) I have also reviewed the following documents:

- McArthur River Mine Overburden Management Project Draft EIS – Chapter 10 (Mining and Energy Technical Services Pty. Ltd. 2018)
- EP 187 Environmental Assessment Report 2019 Seismic and Drilling Program (InGauge Energy Australia, May 2019) – referred to in this report as the 2019 EMP
- Referring a proposal to the NT EPA: Environmental impact assessment Guidance for proponents (NT EPA 2021) (Guide for Proponents)
- SREBA Framework
- Expert Witness Code of Conduct

I was asked to prepare a written report that addresses the adequacy of the ecological assessment contained in the EMP. I acknowledge that I have read and prepared the following report in accordance with the NT Supreme Court Practice Direction for Expert Reports and the Expert Witness Code of Conduct.

Of particular relevance to the current review is my previous experience undertaking the following:

- Scientific review of Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) for the Jemena Northern Gas Pipeline.
- Independent advice to the Scientific Inquiry into the Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory (Fracking Inquiry) (Bali 2017a). In particular, I was asked to

identify priority 'no go' zones based on my expertise in assessing linear impacts.

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- Independent scientific reviews of the Fracking Inquiry's Interim (Bali 2017b) and Draft Final Reports (Bali 2018), with particular emphasis on chapters relating to terrestrial biodiversity.
- Independent review of the Strategic Regional Environmental and Baseline Assessment in the Northern Territory (draft SREBA Framework) (Bali 2020). Specifically, I was asked to review 'Guidance Note for studies of terrestrial ecosystems' and to assess whether these were "appropriate and fit for purpose".
- Scientific review of the Draft Northern Territory Land Clearing Guidelines 2018 with the aim of ensuring that clearing does not "unreasonably contribute to environmental degradation".
- Preparation of a comprehensive discussion papers "Compensating for Edge Effects" for the NSW Roads & Traffic Authority (now NSW Roads and Maritime Services).

My comments on the EMP draw upon the assumptions, reasoning and references detailed in my submissions to the Fracking Inquiry (Bali 2017a, 2017b, 2018).

A copy of my CV is attached (Attachment 1).

BACKGROUND

The Fracking Inquiry concluded that biodiversity impacts would be kept both 'low' and acceptable provided that regional assessments are undertaken. The following key points are summarised from Section 15.3.3 of the Final Report and outlined on p. 61 of the SREBA Framework:

- ☐ Regional assessments should be comprehensive, both in terms of space (covering all major vegetation types across the region) and biota (including all groups of vascular plants and terrestrial vertebrates, and representative terrestrial invertebrates). The data should be assessed for patterns of species richness and endemism, and for the occurrence of threatened species.
- ☐ Across much of the NT, there is insufficient coverage of survey data to be able to place a strong degree of reliance on existing mapping datasets. This applies especially to the coverage of ground data that will be required for a regional assessment of an industry with a potentially large footprint and a potentially significant cumulative impact, as distinct from an individual project assessment with a smaller total footprint. Significant on-ground work will therefore be needed to comprehensively map the occurrence and distribution of terrestrial biodiversity assets of regions likely to be affected by the extraction of any onshore shale gas.
- ☐ It will be critical to ensure that verifiably consistent methods are being used during the baseline assessment.

It should be noted that the 'drilling program' as assessed in the EMP includes the following activities: infill seismic survey, well pad and access construction, drilling, hydraulic fracturing and extended production testing.

The EMP can only be approved if the Minister is reasonably satisfied that the approval criteria in cl.9 of the Petroleum (Environment) Regulations 2016 (PER) have been met. The

approval criteria are listed below.

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- a) The EMP includes all information required under Schedule 1 of the PER, including (amongst others):
 - i. Description of the regulated activity
 - ii. Description of the existing environment
 - iii. Assessment of environmental impacts and risks (including indirect and cumulative impacts)
 - iv. Environmental outcomes and environmental performance standards
 - v. Chemicals used in the course of fracking (if relevant)
 - vi. Demonstration of how all 'legislative requirements' will be met
 - vii. Implementation strategy
 - viii. Information about stakeholder engagement, and
 - ix. Arrangements of recording, monitoring and reporting information
- b) The EMP is appropriate for the nature and scale of the regulated activity.
- c) The EMP demonstrates that all environmental impacts will be reduced to a level that is 'as low as reasonably practical' and 'acceptable'

GENERAL COMMENTS

In my opinion, and based on my submissions to the Fracking Inquiry, the EMP and its supporting documents have failed to:

- ☐ Take into account or assess the cumulative impacts of seismic and drilling programs within EP 187 in relation to multiple planned and approved developments in adjacent tenements. This is despite the fact that EP 187 forms a relatively small proportion of the McArthur Basin which is subject to extensive gas exploration activities.
- ☐ Provide enough information to determine if a comprehensive survey was undertaken in EP 187 in order to address knowledge gaps. No data was provided to verify that baseline data was collected systematically to allow future replication and monitoring.
- ☐ Meet Recommendations 14.19 and 7.12 of the Fracking Inquiry's Final Report (as discussed below). The Final Report stressed that all of the recommendations must be accepted and implemented to mitigate impacts to an acceptable level (p. 454, Final Report).

For these reasons, in my opinion, the EMP fails to meet several of the approval criteria as set out in the PER. Without this information, it is my view that the EMP does not demonstrate that all environmental impacts will be reduced to a level that is as 'low as reasonably practical' and 'acceptable'.

Furthermore, it is my opinion that the EMP is not appropriate for the nature and scale of the regulated activity on EP 187 or within any other lease area in the McArthur Basin (approval criterion in cl.9(b) of the PER). Due to the extensive nature and scale of onshore gas development and the risk of direct, indirect and cumulative biodiversity impacts associated

with multiple developments, the assessment process should be more rigorous and prescriptive than that required for approval under the PER (for example, that under the Environment Protection Act 2019).

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CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

The most recent State of Environment Report (Cresswell & Murphy 2017, hereafter referred to as the Australia SOE) cautions that the greatest potential for negative environmental impacts results from the “cumulative impacts of extensive development in highly prospective regions or where diffuse exploration and development take place across large regions.” This describes the type of onshore gas development that is occurring or is planned across the McArthur Basin.

The Fracking Inquiry recognised this risk and made a specific recommendation that the Minister must be satisfied that the cumulative impacts of a proposed activity are thoroughly dealt with in an EMP to mitigate the risk of exploration creep:

Recommendation 14.19 (p. 414)

That prior to granting any further exploration approvals, cl 3(2)(b) of Sch 1 of the Petroleum Environment Regulations be amended to read as follows:

“3(2)(b) [delete ‘as far as practicable’] any cumulative effects of those impacts and risks when considered both together and in conjunction with other events, activities or industries, including any other petroleum activities and extractive industries, that have occurred or that may occur in or near the location of the activity or in or near the region, area or play where the regulated activity is located”.

Furthermore, the SREBA final report states on page 14:

“An important value of the SREBA will be to provide a robust information a base to facilitate assessment of regional and cumulative effects of likely development scenarios for onshore gas development, rather than effects being considered only on a well-by-well, or project-by project basis.”

I can find no evidence in the EMP or its supporting documents to demonstrate that the cumulative impacts of seismic and drilling activities have been assessed in relation to extensive onshore gas development in the McArthur Basin (as discussed below). The EMP only refers to the cumulative impacts resulting from incremental impacts associated with the 2020 and 2021-2025 drilling programs within EP 187 (Table 3.1.1). This is not consistent with the Fracking Inquiry recommendations or with the intent of the SREBA.

Even within EP 187, it appears that the biodiversity surveys were undertaken only within those areas proposed for seismic lines and well pads. Similarly, threatened species’ likelihood of occurrence was only estimated within these areas. This narrow view does not allow decision makers to consider the extent and nature of cumulative impacts.

Furthermore, there is a very real risk that the biodiversity impacts associated with incremental changes to construction footprints within a single exploration lease over time,

as shown in Table 3.1.1 in the EMP, will never be considered as significant. This approach breaks down the overall impact associated with a large development into 'bite size' pieces which may be assessed individually as having no significant impact. However, when viewed cumulatively over the lifetime of

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a development, they may result in an incremental decline in biodiversity and threatened species populations and/or degradation of habitats that will go undetected.

In failing to assess cumulative impacts, it is my opinion that the EMP does not satisfy the approval criterion in cl. 9(a) and Sch 1, cl. 3 of the PER, or the Fracking Inquiry's Recommendation 14.19. If this standard of EMP is adopted for other onshore gas developments in the McArthur Basin, there is a risk that it will result in the decline in threatened species and their habitats.

Regional context of EP 187

At 4,427 square kilometres, EP 187 forms a relatively small portion (7%) of the Empire Energy (100% owner of Imperial Oil and Gas) holdings as shown in Figure 1 of Appendix 01.02. The seven Empire Energy exploration permit areas extend northwards past the Gulf of Carpentaria to the Arafura Sea, covering a total area of 59,172 square kilometres.

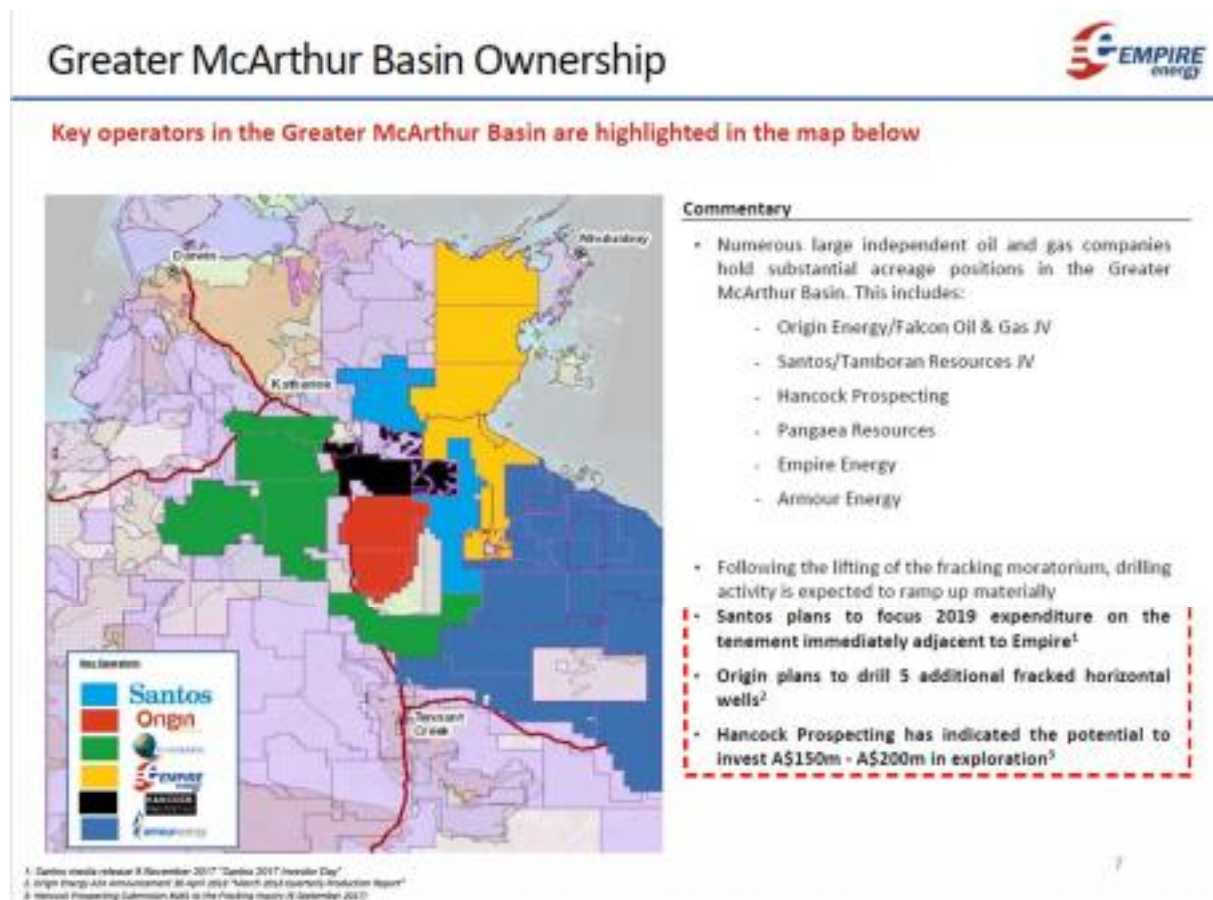


Figure 1: Empire Energy Imperial Oil & Gas "Unlocking Australia's Energy Future" SEAAOC Conference Presentation Darwin September 2018, p 7.

EP 184 adjoins EP 187 directly to the north. Together they cover 15.637 square kilometres (26% of Empire Energy holdings). EP 184 was the first of Empire's exploration permits to be approved.¹

¹ <https://www.dmsprojects.net/australia/projects/empire-energy-mcarthur-basin-ep-184/PRJ00020003>

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Interestingly, Appendix 5 of the 2019 EMP refers to two previous environmental assessments that I was not able to view:

- Environmental Assessment Report, EP 184 and EP 187 (Premise, August 2018) Report No. 1802587 (rev e)
- Preliminary Ecological Assessment Report, EP 184 and EP 187 (Ozecology, February 2016) Report No. R0024996

In my opinion, a survey and assessment of the combined leases would give a more accurate estimate of the biodiversity values in the region. It would also partially take into account the cumulative impacts that could be expected, particularly with regard to threatened species whose known distribution ranges overlap multiple lease areas (e.g. Gouldian Finch). However, the EMP does not summarise the ecological values of the combined leases. Consideration of each exploration lease area in isolation increases the risk of biodiversity loss due to cumulative impacts.

Empire's holdings also represent a relatively small proportion of the planned and approved onshore gas exploration projects in the surrounding McArthur Basin.² Santos, Origin Energy, Armour Energy and Hancock Prospecting all have lease applications or permits in the vicinity of EP 187. Further, development in the McArthur Basin needs to be considered in relation to 85% of the Northern Territory that is under application for shale gas exploration permits or has already had exploration permits granted (see Attachment 2).

Any cumulative impact assessment must also consider all other planned or approved developments (e.g. pastoral, mining) in the region. Most notable with respect to EP 187 is the McArthur River Mine (MRM) located 65 kilometres SW of Borroloola.

The EMP has not assessed the cumulative impacts of other planned or approved developments in the region, including the MRM, and therefore fails to meet the approval criterion in cl. 9(a) and Sch 1, cl. 3 of the PER. Without a cumulative impact assessment, the EMP has not demonstrated that it has reduced biodiversity impacts to a level that is acceptable (approval criterion in cl. 9(c)(ii)).

Gouldian Finch

Based on my review of the 2019 and 2021 EMPs, I found no evidence that systematic surveys were undertaken for the Gouldian Finch, a species listed on the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) as endangered. It appears that all records for this species both within and in the vicinity of EP 187 were anecdotal. Despite the apparent lack of data and the existence of potential habitat on the site, it was concluded that impact to this species would be low "due to the narrow linear nature of

disturbance (and localised regarding well pads)” (p. 18, Appendix 01.02). It should be noted that likelihood of occurrence for all threatened species was estimated with respect to direct impacts within the investigation corridors only, and without apparent consideration of indirect impacts or the regional context.

² <https://www.dmsprojects.net/australia/projects/empire-energy-mcarthur-basin-ep-184/PRJ00020003>

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The Gouldian Finch is potentially affected by indirect impacts including water availability and quality and the interaction between weed invasion, fire frequency and grazing by introduced herbivores. These potential cumulative impacts should be assessed in a regional context and not on a site-by-site or well-by-well basis.

In my opinion, the EMP should have taken a more precautionary approach to impact assessment for this species by undertaking systematic surveys in potential habitat and assessing cumulative impacts throughout the combined areas of EP 187 and EP 184. Standard methods for surveying nationally threatened bird species can be found in Commonwealth of Australia (2010).

The MRM, located within the Gulf Fall and Uplands Bioregion near EP 187, has recently been subject to extensive surveys as part of its Phase 3 expansion (Mining & Energy Technical Services 2018). The list of EPBC Act listed species is similar for both sites and includes the Gouldian Finch. The MRM EIS authors undertook standardised surveys for threatened species likely to occur (Table 10-2). They found that the Gouldian Finch was a regular visitor to the mine lease area, although in small numbers. They concluded that small numbers of finches are likely to use extensive areas of the mineral lease sporadically. They assessed the potential impacts of mining activity on nesting and feeding sites and water quality and concluded that the overall risk of Phase 3 mining on this species was high (Table 10-5).

Little is understood about habitat utilisation of Gouldian Finches and it is likely that most habitats occupied by this species are sub-optimal (O'Malley 2005). It is not possible to map its critical habitat as it can disappear from some areas for several seasons or reappear in other areas when rainfall, grazing and fire makes habitat suitable once again. It is a highly mobile species whose distribution range overlaps EP 187; it is considered to be a regular visitor to nearby MRM in small numbers. For these reasons, I am of the strong view that targeted surveys for the Gouldian Finch should be an integral part of all project-based EMPs within the species' distribution range in order to address the knowledge gaps that were identified by the Fracking Inquiry and the SREBA Framework, and to provide baseline data for future monitoring.

As most of the distribution range of the Gouldian Finch in the Northern Territory overlaps gas exploration areas, failure to undertake cumulative impact assessment is likely to result in population decline or extinction because so little is known about this species' distribution, habitat and movement patterns. Furthermore, threatened species do not recognise lease boundaries. If EMPs continue to assess only those areas directly impacted by construction of seismic lines and well pads and fail to consider their own future growth as well as that of gas developments in the region, there is a risk that those species whose distributions span

multiple leases will decline through incremental loss and degradation of habitat.

Despite the lack of systematic survey, the EMP concluded that threatened species (including the Gouldian Finch) would not be significantly impacted by the drilling program and that therefore an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) was not required under the Environment Protection Act 2019 (EP Act) (Table 2.1). However, given the lack of systematic survey for threatened species and the failure to assess indirect and cumulative impacts, the EMP has not demonstrated that an EIA is not required.

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The Guide for Proponents clearly states that cumulative impacts are taken into account when determining whether or not an impact is significant (Section 6.2). It also cautions that impacts “need to be considered for the life of the proposal and after the proposal ceases, both in isolation and cumulatively with other reasonably foreseeable or approved proposals”. According to the pre referral screening tool (Appendix 1), cumulative impacts can also trigger a referral.

Importantly, if there is any doubt regarding the significance of potential direct, indirect or cumulative impacts on threatened species, the departmental advice is to refer the project/action to the relevant Minister (see p. 24, Guide for Proponents and <https://www.environment.gov.au/system/files/resources/56a875c6-090b-47fc-894f-6c5f94f4db73/files/factsheet-submitting-referral.pdf>)

It is my opinion that, with regard to threatened species and especially the Gouldian Finch, the EMP has not met the approval criteria in cl. 9(a) and Sch 1 cl. 3, 4 & 11 or cl. 9(c) of the PER.

SURVEY METHODOLOGY

It appears that the survey methodology used as a basis for the EMP relies heavily on existing databases, despite the Fracking Inquiry’s Final Report cautioning against this. The intent of the SREBA is to address the knowledge gaps and establish appropriate baselines for future monitoring.

The Fracking Inquiry recognised that existing Northern Territory mapping datasets cannot be relied upon and recommended that significant “on-ground work will therefore be needed to comprehensively map the occurrence and distribution of terrestrial biodiversity assets of regions likely to be affected by the extraction of any onshore shale gas.” (Chapter 15, p. 448)

The SREBA also identified the effects of this knowledge gap on the ability to properly assess risks (p. 8):

“Limited information on biodiversity assets and their location impedes the ability to properly assess the risks of any unconventional gas development (especially cumulative impacts over large areas) and reduces the ability to plan the location of infrastructure to minimise the risk of unacceptable impacts to aquatic and terrestrial

biota.”

The survey methodology has not been described in detail in Section 4 of the EMP or in Appendix 01.02. Although the latter document states that “a number of previous environmental investigations” have been undertaken to identify landscape values and no-go areas (p. 18, Appendix 01.02), these are not summarised or described in detail in documents associated with the EMP.

Appendix 01.02 states that “targeted” searches were undertaken “in relation to seismic and drilling activities” (p.5). However, these were not described in detail except to say that they took place in March 2021 during optimal wet season conditions and that they were conducted on foot, by vehicle or by helicopter. Biodiversity surveys were conducted at the same time as weed surveys and both activities were restricted to investigation corridors within EP 187 (see Figures 5-1 to 5-3).

It appears that no attempts were made to search the wider area or to provide a regional context that would be subject to indirect impacts or edge effects. For example, edge effects can extend well

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beyond 100 metres (e.g. behavioural effects, seed dispersal). Similarly, fracking can cause changes to natural water flows and increase sedimentation outside the investigation corridor. If indirect impacts are not identified and monitored then the EMP does not satisfy the approval criteria in cl.9(a) and Sch 1 cl.3, 4 & 11 or cl.9(c) of the PER.

Based on my experience, it is standard practice to describe the study area and/or investigation corridor as part of any project-based environmental assessment; however this was not included in Appendix 01.02. Appendix 01.01 (p.1) describes the investigation corridor associated with seismic lines as being 100 m in width; the wider investigation corridor would allow some flexibility in choosing a final route that minimises vegetation clearing. A clearing area radius measuring 750 m was investigated around each well site. However, this is inconsistent with Appendix 01.02 (p. 3) that states that up to 75 ha would be cleared to accommodate 6 well pads (i.e. 12.5 ha per well pad). It therefore appears that the EMP assessed only a small proportion of the area required for each well pad and does not satisfy approval criterion in cl.9(a) and Sch 1 cl.3 of the PER.

I could not find any additional survey detail in Appendix 5 of the 2019 EMP. In 2019, “targeted” searches were conducted during October and November 2018 and April 2019 and were similarly restricted to the areas proposed for seismic lines and well pads. Biodiversity surveys were conducted concurrently with weed surveys, with key environmental characteristics and potential constraints being noted. Opportunistic observations were also made.

Not enough information has been provided in any of the reports to ensure that “verifiably consistent methods are being used during the baseline assessment” (Fracking Inquiry Final Report, p 448). As a result, it would not be possible to replicate surveys or monitor the short- and long-term impacts of gas exploration and drilling. Based on my experience undertaking environmental impact assessments, I would expect project-based EMPs to apply fine-scale assessments and detailed ground-truthing to augment regional databases. As I found no evidence within any of the reports that systematic baseline data was collected, the EMP

does not demonstrate that environmental outcomes and performance standards have been considered (approval criterion in cl.9(a) and Sch 1 cl. 4 of the PER) or that monitoring can be achieved post-development. It is therefore unclear if environmental impacts will be reduced to a level that is 'acceptable' (approval criterion in cl.9(c)(ii)).

VEGETATION COMMUNITIES

Vegetation communities found throughout EP 187 are not described or mapped within the EMP or its appendices. The vegetation community classification framework used is not defined. The SREBA recommends the Queensland Regional Ecosystem framework (Sattler & William 1999, Neldner et al

2019) to describe vegetation communities. Baseline data needs to be collected and described consistently in order to compare data amongst multiple projects and/or to assess future impacts associated with gas exploration and drilling.

It is unclear if the vegetation mapping shown in Figure 19 (Appendix 01) was used as a basis for surveys undertaken as part of Appendix 01.02. These are generally useful for predicting the distribution of flora and fauna species but not as a basis for monitoring. If similar broad-scale mapping was used, then in my experience, extensive ground-truthing would be undertaken as part

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of pre-development project-based assessments in order to accurately describe vegetation communities. This data would form the baseline against which any alterations to species composition or structure could be compared (e.g. changes due to edge effects such as alterations to soil moisture) post-development.

THREATENED FLORA AND FAUNA SPECIES

As no details are provided in any of the relevant reports about the methods used to 'target' threatened species, I assume that searching was restricted to seismic lines and well pads only. It is therefore not surprising that no threatened flora species were recorded. Based on my experience, systematic surveys or random meanders undertaken throughout potential habitat in EP 187 would have a higher probability of detecting rare or threatened species. Without pre-construction baseline surveys and a systematic monitoring program, it will not be possible to determine the potential direct, indirect and cumulative impacts on threatened species during and post-construction. In that case, the EMP has not demonstrated that all environmental impacts will be reduced to a level that is acceptable (approval criterion in cl.9(c)(ii) of the PER).

It should be noted also that likelihood of occurrence for threatened species was only considered within seismic and drilling areas, and not for EP 187 in its entirety. In my opinion, this is not the intent of the Fracking Inquiry's final recommendations or SREBA because it does not address gaps in knowledge or provide consistently collected baseline data for future monitoring.

According to Table 3 of Appendix 5 in the 2019 EMP, database searches indicated that five

significant flora species (under the Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act 2000) were previously recorded and could potentially occur within EP 187. This was reduced to a single species, *Polygala petrophila*, in the 2021-2025 EMP. No reasons are given for omitting species or to justify why Data Deficient (DD) species are not considered further in the EMP. It is my opinion that these are the very species that should be targeted by both regional and project-based surveys in the bioregion in order to fill existing knowledge gaps and to ensure that these species are not/do not become threatened as a result of gas exploration and drilling.

Database searches in both EMPs indicated that 12 threatened fauna species and 14 migratory species could potentially occur in EP 187. Only one of these, the Gouldian Finch, listed as Endangered at the national level and Vulnerable in the Northern Territory, was identified during March 2021 surveys when a single finch was observed at a rest stop adjacent to the Carpentaria Highway within EP 187. Appendix 01.02 of the EMP reports that 8 finches were observed 22 kilometres east of the proposed site. The 2019 EMP states that a local pastoralist sighted a finch (unverified) at a rest stop approximately 500 m north of the easternmost seismic line.

Given its conservation status and distribution range, its occurrence within EP 187, the presence of potential habitat (Plate 2) and its high mobility, it is my opinion that targeted searches should have been undertaken for the Gouldian Finch. Standard survey methods have been described (Commonwealth of Australia 2010) and include targeted searches at waterholes in the late dry season, association with breeding black-faced woodswallows in the early wet season, and area searches in potential habitat. Restricting impact survey effort to seismic lines and well pads does not

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take account of the potential indirect and cumulative impacts of gas exploration and drilling on this endangered species.

Other threatened fauna species that have a moderate likelihood of occurrence in EP 187 are the Grey Falcon and the Yellow-spotted Monitor; both species are listed as Vulnerable in the Northern Territory. Although these species are mentioned in the EMP, they are not discussed further with respect to potential impacts in the EMP.

Database searches indicated that four significant fauna species were previously recorded and could potentially occur within EP 187 (Table 3). These include DD species, the Sombre Whipsnake and Common Blue-tongue Lizard and the Near Threatened (NTh) Australian Bustard. Another NTh species, the Spectacled Hare-wallaby, is not included in the table, but potential habitat for this species is indicated in Plate 3 (EMP) and its distribution range overlaps EP 187. These species are of particular concern as they are ground-dwelling with limited mobility and are consequently more vulnerable to potential threats associated with the gas industry such as habitat clearing and fragmentation, increased predation, road mortality, altered fire regimes and weed invasion. For reasons that are not clear, these species are not considered further in the EMP.

In my opinion these are the very species that should be targeted in both regional and project-based surveys in the relevant bioregion in order to fill existing knowledge gaps. As so little is known about their distribution and abundance, they are at greater risk of becoming threatened as a result of gas exploration and fracking. Systematic baseline surveys are required in order

to monitor these species

post-development. In failing to consider DD and NTh species, it is my view that the EMP has not met criteria in cl.9(a) and Sch 1 cl.3, 4 & 11 or cl.9(c) of the PER.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION

The EMP states on page 45 that:

“Known sensitive receptors, critical habitats, important habitats and cultural heritage sites have been avoided during corridor selection.”

“The area of vegetation to be cleared for infrastructure development (including well pads, roads and pipeline corridors) has been minimised through efficient design and, where possible, use of existing infrastructure and the co-location of shared infrastructure...”

No evidence in the form of data or mapping has been provided in the EMP or its supporting documents to demonstrate how this has been achieved. I am therefore not able to verify if all reasonable attempts have been made to avoid and minimise impacts associated with corridor selection and/or project design.

The environmental assessment (Appendix 01.02, p. 18) concluded that the proposed drilling program would not significantly impact any threatened species and therefore an EIA was not required:

“Habitat exists for some conservation significant species in the area, however given the narrow linear nature of disturbance (and localised regarding well pads), habitat

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requirements and likelihood of occurrence, impacts from proposed seismic, well pad and access track construction are considered low.”

However, it appears that the assessment was based on those areas directly impacted by vegetation clearing and did not consider in detail the potential indirect impacts such as fragmentation, weed invasion, access to feral predators, altered fire regimes, road mortality, light, noise and vibration (from seismic activity). These impacts are all associated with onshore gas development and have been reviewed in detail in relation to Northern Territory flora and fauna in Bali (2017a). In my opinion, the EMP does not satisfy the approval criterion in the PER at Sch 1 cl 3 with regard to the assessment of indirect impacts.

Fragmentation and edge effects

The Fracking Inquiry noted that, despite the prevalence of extensive pastoralism, the Northern Territory’s terrestrial ecosystems are “in good condition and largely intact” (Chapter 8, p. 169). The bioregions overlying basins that may be subject to shale gas extraction have generally experienced less than 1% clearing (in Bali 2017a).

Therefore, the construction of thousands of kilometres of seismic lines, roads and easements over multiple lease areas covering the McArthur Basin (including EP 187) will fragment these intact areas and expose them to a wide range of edge effects including: changes to microclimate, hydrology, floristics, pattern and frequency of fire; invasion by exotic plants and animals; and improved access for predators. Edge effects can extend from 50 m to more than 2 km from the vegetation edge (Bali 2017a).

Edge effects are of particular concern for threatened and near threatened species such as the Yellow-spotted Monitor, Australian Bustard and Spectacled Hare-wallaby because cleared corridors are used by patrolling introduced predators and are vectors for the spread of cane toads and weeds (Bali 2017a). Terrestrial ground-dwelling species are at risk from increased predation (hare-wallaby, bustard), ingestion of cane toads (monitor), loss of habitat and road mortality.

As I could not find any data indicating that fragmentation and edge effects were assessed as part of the EMP, it is my view that it fails to satisfy the approval criterion in cl. 9(a) and Sch 1 cl. 3 of the PER.

Feral predators

No feral predators were recorded during biodiversity surveys and it appears that no attempts were made to collect baseline data on predator/cane toad numbers or distributions within EP 187. Within the Sturt Plateau and Gulf Fall and Uplands bioregions, cats are widespread but occur in low numbers while foxes are increasing and cane toads have recently established (Bali 2017a). Without baseline data, it is not possible to monitor potential changes in predator/cane toad populations as a result of the drilling program and beyond. Monitoring is necessary to determine if control measures

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will be required in future. In my opinion, the EMP does not fulfill the approval criterion in cl.9(a) and Sch 1 cl. 11 of the PER.

Wastewater

I note that Table 3.1.1 in the EMP indicates that 1-2 open-topped tanks and 3 open-topped pits would be installed for each well pad. This is not consistent with the Fracking Inquiry's Recommendation 7.12 that states:

That prior to the grant of any further exploration approvals, to reduce the risk of contamination of surface aquifers from on-site spills of wastewater:

- the EMP for each well pad must include an enforceable wastewater management plan and spill management plan;
- enclosed tanks must be used to hold all wastewater [emphasis mine] and
- the well pad site must be bunded to prevent any runoff of wastewater, and be treated (for example, with a geomembrane or clay liner) to prevent the infiltration of wastewater

spills into underlying soil.

Mitigation measures proposed include fencing of the well pad (p. 53, EMP) and open-topped pits (Appendix 6, EMP). It appears that at least one open-topped storage tank would be located within exclusion fencing (Figure 3, Appendix 6). Appendix 6 recommends the installation of “fauna ladders” in pits and open-topped treatment tanks and fencing around pits.

Table 24 of the EMP summarises the proposed monitoring program. In the case of wastewater treatments tanks and pits, it recommends daily tank and pit inspections for carcasses to “identify if they are listed or not listed species”, identifying any carcasses present during tank and pit emptying and ad hoc fauna observations around wastewater treatment tanks. The approach taken in Appendix 6 is similar:

“Where fauna mortalities are encountered and clearly associated with wastewater storage activities, fauna deterrents will be implemented to prevent future exposure.”

The proposed mitigation measures are not acceptable and do not represent a precautionary approach or best practice. Fauna deterrents should always be applied at the outset regardless of the risk level, especially when they are readily available, well-used and reasonably effective (e.g fencing around all containment ponds, exclusion netting, removal of lighting near pits/tanks).

I outlined my concerns about fauna having access to wastewater in Bali 2017b. In my opinion, it is necessary that all practical mitigation measures are undertaken to ensure that threatened or non threatened fauna do not have ready access to wastewater for drinking or foraging. I agree with the Fracking Inquiry that all wastewater tanks should be enclosed without exception. This is consistent with a precautionary and best practice approach.

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Weeds

The Fracking Inquiry concluded on p. 190 of their final report that there is a ‘high’ risk of substantial spread of invasive weed species associated with gas development in the Northern Territory. Apart from the addition of a ‘dedicated weed officer’, the responsibility for pre-construction weed survey and management falls onto proponents as part of project-based EMPs. There is nothing new with this approach that is implemented as part of all Australian developments.

Weed surveys were conducted along the seismic lines, the well pads and along the Carpentaria Highway in the EMP. They did not take into consideration the regional context or the cumulative impacts of multiple gas developments. My concerns about SREBA recommendations for baseline surveys are outlined in Bali (2020).

Given the current wide application of EMPs and our failure to halt or even slow weed invasions across Australia (Australia SOE), I do not agree with the Fracking Inquiry’s

approach to weed control associated with extensive onshore gas development. However, by restricting weed surveys to those areas subject to increased traffic (Carpentaria Highway) or directly impacted by construction, it does not consider indirect or cumulative impacts of seed dispersal. Therefore, the EMP does not satisfy the approval criterion in cl.9(a) and Sch 1 cl.3 of the PER.

Noise, light and vibration

Noise, light and vibration (i.e. seismic testing, fracking) have the potential to significantly impact fauna, especially when considered cumulatively. These impacts are often ignored as there is little scientific research to demonstrate their effects on species life cycles and behaviour (Bali 2017a).

However, there is anecdotal evidence in the form of satellite imagery to show that cumulative fracking activities and especially flaring, can emit the same light as a city.³

The EMP only mentions noise and light impacts in relation to humans and not wildlife. Applying a precautionary approach, every effort should be made to minimise light spill and flaring activities within EP 187. Excessive lighting can impact avian migratory and hunting behaviour. The noise of compressor stations has been shown to interfere with the hunting behaviour of owls in North America (Mason et al. 2016). It may also affect territorial calling by birds (Northrup & Wittemyer 2012). It is therefore important that compressor stations which emit noise on a 24-hour basis, are sited away from any important habitats.

While the EMP may consider that the impacts of noise and light are not significant under the current drilling program, these should be assessed in relation to the multiple gas developments planned and

³ See for example:

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/at-night-giant-fields-of-burning-natural-gas-make-north-dakota-visible-from-space-2533561/>
<https://geology.com/articles/oil-fields-from-space/>
<https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/79810/gas-drilling-north-dakota>

approved in the McArthur Basin. In my opinion, the EMP does not satisfy the approval criterion in cl.9(a) and Sch 1 cl.3 of the PER with regard to the assessment of indirect impacts.

CONCLUSION

It is my opinion that, with regards to impacts on terrestrial biodiversity, the EMP does not meet the approval criteria relating to impact assessment and risks (approval criterion in cl.9(a) and Sch 1 cl.3 of the PER). The EMP has not assessed the potential cumulative direct and indirect impacts of multiple extensive gasfield developments on biodiversity or

threatened species. By assessing the impacts of each drilling program in isolation, there is a risk that impacts to those threatened species whose distribution ranges overlap multiple lease areas will be minimised/missed, resulting in their incremental decline. Furthermore, no 'environmental outcomes' or 'environmental performance standards' (approval criterion in cl.9(a) and Sch 1 cl.4 of the PER) have been determined for threatened flora and fauna species, especially the Gouldian Finch (Table 28, EMP).

In my opinion, the EMP may fail to satisfy 'arrangements for monitoring' (approval criterion in cl.9(a) and Sch 1 cl.11 of the PER). Very little mapping or data relating to surveys were presented in the EMP or its appendices. Surveys were restricted to areas directly impacted by seismic lines and well pads and did not record any threatened or introduced flora or fauna species. I could find no evidence that systematic surveys were undertaken for threatened species (e.g. Gouldian Finch) in suitable habitat within EP 187. Future monitoring will not be possible if systematically collected baseline data is not available pre-development. Without monitoring, there is a risk that threatened species and their habitats will decline and/or that introduced predators will increase undetected.

The EMP does not provide any data from baseline surveys and does not demonstrate that the drilling program will avoid indirect or cumulative impacts on threatened species or their habitat. It is therefore my opinion that it does not demonstrate that all biodiversity impacts will be reduced to a level that is 'as low as reasonably practical' and 'acceptable' (approval criteria in cl.9(c) of the PER).

Furthermore, it is my opinion that the EMP is not appropriate for the nature and scale of the regulated activity on EP 187 or within any other lease area in the McArthur Basin. Due to the extensive nature and scale of onshore gas development and the risk of direct, indirect and cumulative biodiversity impacts associated with multiple developments, the assessment process should be more rigorous and prescriptive than that required for approval under the PER (for example, under the EP Act 2019).

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Since 2018, Renata has undertaken numerous planning assessments across NSW, including the preparation of Reviews of Environmental Factors (REFs), due diligence advice and EPBC referrals. These cover a wide range of development types from road construction and upgrades to walking and bike trails, sporting facilities, sewer lead-ins, solar farms and the delivery of domestic and environmental water flows.

Dr Bali has provided expert evidence in the NSW Land & Environment Court and at Commissions of Inquiry and has particular expertise in the area of linear development and edge effects. Recently, she prepared several submissions to the Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory on behalf of the EDO NT and conducted independent scientific reviews of the Strategic Regional Environmental and Baseline Assessment (draft SREBA framework) and the Draft Northern Territory Land Clearing Guidelines 2018.

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Environmental Planner, preparing the REF for the Snowies Iconic Walk to avoid and minimise impacts on endangered ecological communities and habitat for threatened species in Kosciuszko National Park.

Environmental Planner, preparing an REF for works associated with the upgrade of crossings on Tuppall and Native Dog Creeks, Tocumwal, to allow for increased delivery of environmental water flows.

Environmental Planner, preparing a referral under the EPBC Act on behalf of Albury City Council for the 7-kilometre Thurgoona Link Road linking the Thurgoona Growth Area to the Hume Highway in Thurgoona, Albury, NSW.

Environmental Planner, undertaking a review of scientific and technical reports in order to compile best practice guidelines for erosion and sedimentation controls and for native vegetation protection for Albury City Council, NSW.

Environmental Consultant, preparing a referral under the EPBC Act for the removal of an area of Grassy Box Woodland MNES as part of the works proposed for the extension of Rockwood Quarry, Table Top, NSW.

Environmental Planner, preparing the REF for the Main Range Walk Realignment in Kosciuszko National Park to avoid a critically endangered ecological community and habitat for threatened flora and fauna species.

Environmental Planner, preparing the REF for works associated with the delivery of the Nimmie-Caira (Gayini) Stock and Domestic Water Supply Project, a water savings measure to support sustainable grazing practices.

Independent Reviewer, preparing submissions to the Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory to identify fragmentation impacts and to recommend 'no-go' zones.

Independent Reviewer, critically reviewing the Draft Northern Territory Land Clearing Guidelines (2018).

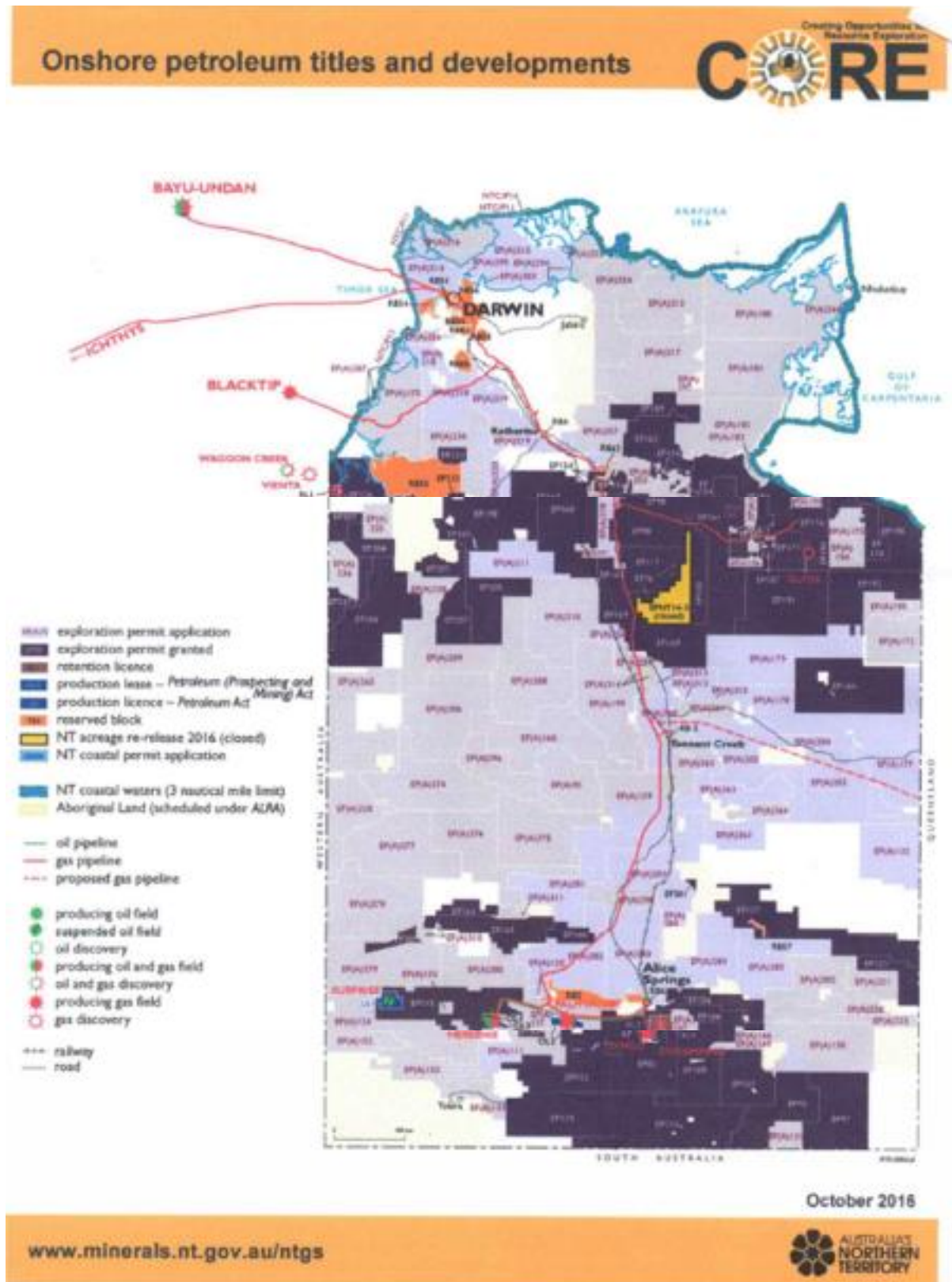
Independent Reviewer, critically reviewing the assessment of Matters of National Significance undertaken for the Jemena Northern Gas Pipeline Draft EIS, NT. Independent Reviewer, identifying environmental issues associated with the REF for works undertaken as part of the Interim Beach Stabilisation Works at Belongil, Byron Bay, NSW.

Independent Reviewer, critically reviewing the REF for works associated with the construction and operation of Santos' Leewood Produced Water Treatment and Beneficial Reuse Project.

Expert Witness, preparing submissions and presenting evidence regarding the ecological values of land proposed for a sand mine at Gerroa.

Independent Reviewer, undertaking a scientific and practical review of NPWS Threatened Species Survey and Assessment Guidelines and Regional Biodiversity Survey and Assessment Guidelines.

Senior Ecologist, preparing a discussion paper aimed at providing an ecological basis for the compensation of edge effects associated with highway development for input into the RTA compensatory habitat policy.





MEMORANDUM - IMPERIAL OIL & GAS PTY LTD 2020-21 NORTHERN TERRITORY DRILLING PROGRAM

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I acknowledge that I have read and prepared the following report in accordance with the NT Supreme Court Practice Direction for Expert Reports and the Expert Witness Code of Conduct.

Expert Opinion

This review is of the Environment Management Plan (EMP) for Imperial Oil & Gas 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program NT Exploration Permit. The appendices were also reviewed in part but only where issues identified in the main document required it. This review was focussed on environmental impacts (including both surface water and groundwater) as well as available biological survey data. It should also be noted that the time available for this review did not permit an exhaustive review of all appendices as well as other sources of publicly available information that may be relevant.

A number of shortcomings exist in terms of identifying and managing potential impacts. These shortcomings primarily relate to protection of surface water and groundwater, but also by inference the environment, and current/future groundwater users. The EMP states that there is no risk to groundwater or surface water systems but limited data and analysis are presented to back up this assertion. It also states that an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for review by the Northern Territory Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) is not required. I disagree with this assertion based on what the EMP has (and has not) presented. In my opinion, there are risks to both surface and groundwater systems that have not been fully explored and assessed, hence an EIA is required. For a more detailed exploration of the general risk of environmental impact from hydraulic fracturing the reader is recommended to review the following review publication at a minimum.

- Vogwill R., 2017, Western Australia's Tight Gas Industry - A review of groundwater and environmental risks. Conservation Council of Western Australia.

Although this was completed in a Western Australia context the issues explored therein are relevant for the Northern Territory. Review of an Australian wide assessment of management of unconventional hydrocarbons in Australia (reference below) is also recommended.

- Lennon, L., & Evans, W. R. (2016). Governance and management of hydrogeological impacts of unconventional hydrocarbons in Australia. *Solving the Groundwater Challenges of the 21st Century*, 22, 53.

The greatest risk of impact is from surface activities (wellpad and fluid pipelines) but there are also issues relating to well integrity failure and aquifer cross contamination that are not adequately addressed by the EMP.

Assessment of surface water risks in the EMP was hampered by a lack of data to assess impact potential at both a local and regional scale. The topographic dataset used for regional flood modelling is the 25m resolution hydrologically enforced SRTM (Shuttle Radar Topography Mission). Although this is the best pre-existing dataset available it still has a number of shortcomings with respect to resolution and accuracy. It would be preferable that flood modelling be done with a Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) dataset, particularly for the operational project area. In the operational project area, a higher resolution and accuracy of data is required to improve the resolution and accuracy of flood modelling at both regional and local scales. The flood modelling was undertaken with suitable software (TUFLOW) but there is no available hydrological data to calibrate it against nor is any prediction of uncertainty in the modelling presented. A number of proposed wellpad sites are located close to predicted flood water extent, this is of concern given the low levels of accuracy in the regional flood modelling. There is also a need for more local scale assessment of flood risk and sheetwash erosion risk from overland flow impacting operational sites (particularly

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holding ponds and wellpads) as the surface water management designs in the EMP are generic and not site specific to each operational site.

The EMP has a number of shortcomings with respect to protection of groundwater resources. No regional groundwater flow data has been presented to understand where groundwater is flowing from and to in all of the aquifers that are potentially impacted. Numerous receptors sensitive to these impacts exist but without a regional groundwater assessment for all aquifers, flow paths and travel times cannot be assessed, nor can a robust monitoring network be designed. Currently the only groundwater monitoring proposed is in the Gum Ridge Aquifer but monitoring of the Alluvium/surface sediment aquifer (i.e. the watertable) and other deeper potential aquifers should also be undertaken. It is important that all of the potential aquifers are assessed even if they are not currently utilised or contain potable groundwater. Sterilisation of unutilised groundwater resources due to contamination from hydraulic stimulation has occurred in other areas. Although well integrity failures and inter aquifer leakage are not certain to occur, they are possible. In other jurisdictions where widespread hydraulic fracturing has occurred, the documented well failure rates vary from 1.9 to 75 per cent, with the Marcellus Shale area well failure rate at 6.3 per cent. The current EMP does not address all possible risks to the groundwater system sufficiently in my opinion hence I do not believe it is adequate. Also, no impact assessment of the groundwater abstraction required for the proposed activities is presented although the risk of impact from this is small as the groundwater required is of a modest volume and previously licensed.

Surface water inflow and groundwater dependant ecosystems exist in the project area, so if there are unaddressed risks to surface and groundwater, these risks will propagate through to the environment. Hydraulic stimulation fluids proposed to be used contain chemicals with high levels of toxicity to aquatic organisms in particular. Aquatic biological survey data for the surface water features, including groundwater dependant ecosystems, has not been presented so it is unclear if any significant (threatened or endangered) species may be impacted. Stygofauna are not covered at all. Given that traditional owner cultural assets are often linked to water and biodiversity assets, there are unaddressed risks to cultural values also. This is another area where the risk assessment in

the EMP is not adequate.

Given that an impact risk exists, the lack of baseline data (covering surface, groundwater and biodiversity assets) to compare any future impacts to, is a concern and will hamper remediation activities. The proposed monitoring network in the EMP will not be able to detect all of the potential impacts which could occur. Impacts could also occur beyond the operational life of the project but management activities (monitoring) appear limited to the operational life of the project.

Lincoln, Julie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:19:35

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Julie Lincoln
Sent	11/05/2021 12:19:35 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Julie Lincoln

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Lipszyc, Romy – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:10:46

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Livermore, Karen – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 11:48:51

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Lloyd, Llewellyn – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:07:31

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Llewellyn Lloyd

Eumundi, Queensland, 4562, Australia

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Lloyd, Stephen – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 10:28:19

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From	Stephen Lloyd
Sent	12/05/2021 10:28:19 AM

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Lochner, Sheri – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:33:30

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From	Sheri Lochner
Sent	11/05/2021 8:33:30 PM

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Sheri Lochner

Nightcliff, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Lock, Helen – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:02:17

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From	Helen Lock
Sent	11/05/2021 2:02:17 PM

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Lockett, Debi – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 11:27:12

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From	Debi Lockett
Sent	19/05/2021 11:27:12 AM

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Lohrey, Andrew – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 16:01:31

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From	Andrew Lohrey
Sent	17/05/2021 4:01:31 PM

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Losic, Ann – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:29:39

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From	Ann And Brad Losic
Sent	11/05/2021 12:29:39 PM

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Loughhead, Phil – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:47:13

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:47:13 PM

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Loughton, Kathryn – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 10:23:42

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From	Kathryn Loughton
Sent	17/05/2021 10:23:42 AM

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Lowcock, John – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 22:55:33

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From	John Lowcock
Sent	19/05/2021 10:55:33 PM

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Lowe, Steve – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:33:38

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From	Steve Lowe
Sent	11/05/2021 1:33:38 PM

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Steve Lowe
Perth, Western Australia, 6000, Australia

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Lowry, Gregory – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 00:35:03

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From	Gregory Lowry
Sent	12/05/2021 12:35:03 AM

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Lowry, Kevin – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:07:59

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Sent	11/05/2021 3:07:59 PM

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Lucas, Erin – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:50:28

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From	Erin Lucas
Sent	11/05/2021 12:50:28 PM

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Erin Lucas

Northern Territory, 0852, Australia

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Lukin, Bev – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:37:10

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From	Bev Lukin
Sent	11/05/2021 7:37:10 PM

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Lumsdaine, Jan – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 07:08:15

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Sent	12/05/2021 7:08:15 AM

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Ludlow, Western Australia, 6280, Australia

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Lyall, Gavin – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:39:19

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Lynch, David – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:52:43

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Sent	11/05/2021 3:52:43 PM

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Lynch, Deb – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:39:39

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:39:39 PM

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Lynch, Yvonne – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 21:25:44

Subject	Fracking NT environmental and water contamination risk objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Yvonne Lynch
Sent	17/05/2021 9:25:44 PM

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Yvonne Lynch

Mount Eliza, Victoria, 3930, Australia

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Lyons, Mick – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:16:50

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From	Mick Lyons
Sent	11/05/2021 3:16:50 PM

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Port Macquarie, New South Wales, 2444, Australia

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M, Jen – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:46:53

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Sent	11/05/2021 1:46:53 PM

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Corndale, Queensland, 4610, Australia

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Mabbutt, Sarah – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 13:49:57

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Sent	12/05/2021 1:49:57 PM

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:41:41 PM

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Mackay, Duncan – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 16:49:58

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From	Duncan Mackay
Sent	12/05/2021 4:49:58 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Duncan Mackay

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Mackie, Darren – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 20:44:19

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Darren Mackie
Sent	12/05/2021 8:44:19 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Darren Mackie
Palmyra, Western Australia, 6157, Australia

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Magdalena, Ann – Sunday, 16 May 2021 – 20:35:51

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Ann Magdalena
Sent	16/05/2021 8:35:51 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Ann Magdalena

Bramley, Western Australia, 6285, Australia

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Mahaffey, Leeanne – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:23:00

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Leeanne Mahaffey
Sent	11/05/2021 7:23:00 PM

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Yours sincerely,

leeanne mahaffey

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Main, Kaye – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:43:29

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Kaye Main
Sent	11/05/2021 6:43:29 PM

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I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

I am concerned that our place of regular holidays will become unsafe to visit. I feel very apprehensive about the lives of the residents permanently in the areas involved.

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Yours sincerely,
Kaye Main
Maaoupe, South Australia, 5277, Australia

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Main, Robert – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:41:01

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From	Robert Main
Sent	11/05/2021 12:41:01 PM

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Robert Main
Noble Park, Victoria, 3174, Australia

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Maller, Christina – Saturday, 15 May 2021 – 10:14:04

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Christina Maller
Sent	15/05/2021 10:14:04 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Christina Maller

Abbotsford, Victoria, 3067, Australia

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Maloney, Janet – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 16:30:31

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Janet Maloney
Sent	14/05/2021 4:30:31 PM

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I have learnt that methane gas is 84%

Greater than co2 which contributes to Glbal warming. Thanking you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Janet Maloney

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Malyon, Shane – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:48:29

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From	Shane Malyon
Sent	11/05/2021 7:48:29 PM

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Manfield, Ben – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:30:24

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From	Ben Manfield
Sent	11/05/2021 12:30:24 PM

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Ben Manfield
Driver, Northern Territory, 0830, Australia

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Marchment, Katherine – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 12:56:02

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Katherine Marchment
Sent	19/05/2021 12:56:02 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Katherine Marchment

Stuart Park, Northern Territory, 0820, Australia

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Mardling, Charlotte – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 20:36:02

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From	Charlotte Mardling
Sent	19/05/2021 8:36:02 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Charlotte Mardling

Western Australia, 0872, Australia

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Marinkovic, Marlene – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:04:39

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Marlene Marinkovic
Sent	11/05/2021 3:04:39 PM

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Marlene Marinkovic
Rozelle, New South Wales, 2039, Australia

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Markey, Anna – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 07:14:40

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Anna Markey
Sent	12/05/2021 7:14:40 AM

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Mosquito Hill, South Australia, 5214, Australia

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Marks, Greg – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 06:13:55

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Greg Marks
Sent	17/05/2021 6:13:55 AM

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Greg Marks
Curtin, Australian Capital Territory, 2605, Australia

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Marks, Jan – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 06:56:41

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jan Marks
Sent	13/05/2021 6:56:41 AM

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Markwell, Suzette – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:12:07

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Suzette Markwell
Sent	11/05/2021 8:12:07 PM

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Suzette Markwell

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Marrocco, Beth – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 22:53:32

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Beth Marrocco
Sent	12/05/2021 10:53:32 PM

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Marsden, Alesoun – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 14:46:26

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Alesoun Marsden
Sent	18/05/2021 2:46:26 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Alesoun Marsden

Leichhardt, New South Wales, 2040, Australia

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Marsh, Andrew – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 14:23:49

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Andrew Marsh
Sent	17/05/2021 2:23:49 PM

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Andrew Marsh

Belmont, New South Wales, 2280, Australia

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Marshall, David – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:23:31

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Sent	11/05/2021 3:23:31 PM

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Wickham, New South Wales, 2293, Australia

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Marshall, Ruby – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 14:16:13

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From	Ruby Marshall
Sent	18/05/2021 2:16:13 PM

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Ruby Marshall

Alice Springs, Northern Territory, 0871, Australia

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Martin, Brendan – Saturday, 15 May 2021 – 22:32:08

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From	Brendan Martin
Sent	15/05/2021 10:32:08 PM

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Brendan Martin

Northcote,

Victoria,

3070

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Martin, Chris – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:21:17

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Sent	11/05/2021 3:21:17 PM

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Charlton, Queensland, 4350, Australia

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Martin, Colleen – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:23:13

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From	Colleen Wysser - Martin
Sent	11/05/2021 8:23:13 PM

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Colleen Wysser - Martin

Mccullys Gap, New South Wales, 2333, Australia

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Martin, L – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:07:45

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From	L Martin
Sent	11/05/2021 1:07:45 PM

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L Martin

Harman, Australian Capital Territory, 2600, Australia

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Martin, Ondine – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 20:22:23

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Ondine Martin
Sent	12/05/2021 8:22:23 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Ondine Martin

Collingwood North, Victoria, 3066, Australia

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Martin, Theresa – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 09:45:50

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From	Theresa Martin
Sent	12/05/2021 9:45:50 AM

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Martino, Nadia – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 07:04:46

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Nadia Martino
Sent	12/05/2021 7:04:46 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Nadia Martino

Pearsall, Western Australia, 6065, Australia

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Martinot, Debbie – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 19:02:02

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From	Debbie Martinot
Sent	12/05/2021 7:02:02 PM

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MARUSIC, MARK – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 12:26:05

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From	MARK MARUSIC
Sent	14/05/2021 12:26:05 PM

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MARK MARUSIC

Newtown, New South Wales, 2042, Australia

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Maslen, Mary – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:11:15

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From	Mary Maslen
Sent	11/05/2021 12:11:15 PM

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Mary Maslen

Brandon Park, Victoria, 3150, Australia

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Mason, Annette – Monday, 24 May 2021 – 11:08:46

Subject	Outrageous Intention to Frack before baseline studies are even completed impels me to make a strong ?? objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Annette Mason
Sent	24/05/2021 11:08:46 AM

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Annette Mason

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Mason, Debbie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:21:24

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From	Debbie Mason
Sent	11/05/2021 12:21:24 PM

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Debbie Mason

White Gums, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Mason, James – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:47:10

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From	James Mason
Sent	11/05/2021 7:47:10 PM

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Evelyn Unghango

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Mason, Michelle – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 19:12:44

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Michelle Mason
Sent	12/05/2021 7:12:44 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Michelle Mason

Caulfield South, Victoria, 3162, Australia

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Massmann, Katrin – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:53:21

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From	Katrin Massmann
Sent	11/05/2021 3:53:21 PM

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Mateljan, Julia – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:18:55

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From	Julia Mateljan
Sent	11/05/2021 1:18:55 PM

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And it is a waste of resources and money as renewable clean energies, now here in Australia, are cheaper and cleaner than any fossil fuels, which means less human deaths from pollution and significantly safer by conserving our environments and all life elements there on.

Yours sincerely,

Julia Mateljan

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Mathiesen, Raymond – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:27:10

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Matteson, Jessica – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:05:01

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From	Jessica Matteson
Sent	11/05/2021 12:05:01 PM

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Matthews, Raymond – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:23:09

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Yours sincerely,

Raymond Matthews

Gwelup DC, Western Australia, 6018, Australia

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Matthews, Stan – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 13:58:52

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From	Stan Matthews
Sent	14/05/2021 1:58:52 PM

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Stan Matthews

Pomona, Queensland, 4568, Australia

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Mayne, Veronique` – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:05:56

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Veronique` Mayne
Sent	11/05/2021 12:05:56 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Veronique` Mayne
Laurieton, New South Wales, 2443, Australia

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Mazga, Nicole – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 10:08:42

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From	Nicole Mazga
Sent	19/05/2021 10:08:42 AM

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Nicole Mazga

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Mcasey, Edie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:12:16

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Edie Mcasey
Sent	11/05/2021 12:12:16 PM

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Edie McAsey

Carlton South, Victoria, 3053, Australia

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Mcauliffe, Patricia – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:09:21

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Patricia Mcauliffe
Sent	11/05/2021 4:09:21 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

As a mother and grandparent, I wish to see a liveable planet for the future for them.

As a nation we should not be allowing taxpayer funds to prop up the fossil fuel industry, and in particular gas fracking. I have looked at many scientific papers on this industry over many years. It has an appalling record of polluting our land water and air, whilst at the same time subsidising them in many ways. Please listen to and care about the communities that will be so adversely affected.

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Woodlands, Western Australia, 6018, Australia

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Mcbride, Michael – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 11:44:26

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From	Michael McBride
Sent	17/05/2021 11:44:26 AM

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Mccarthy, Kevin – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 15:16:58

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From	Kevin Mccarthy
Sent	19/05/2021 3:16:58 PM

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Kevin McCarthy
Marrara, Northern Territory, 0812, Australia

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Mccarthy, Robyn – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 08:05:27

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Robyn Mccarthy
Sent	13/05/2021 8:05:27 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Robyn McCarthy

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Mccartney, Jenny – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 22:08:47

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jenny McCartney
Sent	11/05/2021 10:08:47 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Jenny McCartney
Falcon, Western Australia, 6210, Australia

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Mcclanachan, Georgia – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 16:09:10

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Georgia Mcclanachan
Sent	17/05/2021 4:09:10 PM

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I'm very concerned about impacts on groundwater quality. The recent discovery of at least 11 new stygofauna species in the Cambrian Limestone Aquifer should trigger a halt to all fracking activity. Groundwater baseline testing and studies of aquifer connectivity must be completed. These new stygofauna species are crucial to keeping water clean and usable for us all. Fracking activities may put these species and groundwater at risk.

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Finally, I express my strong opposition to any Territory or Federal government funding being issued to Imperial/ Empire Energy to advance the proposed Work Program for EP187. Empire Energy is seeking government financial support through the Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program to advance this works program, yet has not shown good faith in releasing essential details of its proposed operations in EP187 to public scrutiny.

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Yours sincerely,

Georgia McClanachan

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Mcdonald, Jean – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 12:30:53

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jean Mcdonald
Sent	19/05/2021 12:30:53 PM

Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

Dear Ministers and Dr Ritchie

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

This proposal for seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental impacts.

I am concerned that this fracking program is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants.

Also, I am distressed that safeguards that should be in place prior to any NT fracking as discussed in the Pepper report consultations seem to be being watered down or sidelined. Yet community members who attended consultation sessions were assured that the project would only ever go ahead under the most rigorous of environmental safety conditions.

To make matters worse, this particular project is not one that should be lightly regulated; this project brings enormous threats to the Territory environment with potential to damage it forever.

I believe the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project should be assessed at the Federal level, by independent scientists, including expert hydrologists, with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

The proposal includes 7 fracking wells and 6 new well pads. Fracking wells will be connected by a grid of roads and flow lines - pipelines carrying polluted waste fluid between frack sites. Well pads will be cleared, seismic lines cut across dry savannah woodland and traversing creeks. Pipelines and tracks will be constructed beside and over creeks.

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I am particularly concerned about impacts on groundwater quality. The recent discovery of at least 11 new stygofauna species in the Cambrian Limestone Aquifer should trigger a halt to all fracking activity.

Groundwater baseline testing and studies of aquifer connectivity must be completed - this information is vital to understanding the impact of drilling, and it was promised during

community consultations. The new stygofauna species are crucial to keeping water clean and usable for us all. Fracking activities may put these species and groundwater at risk.

There are other risks to Territorians and tourists. This fracking work schedule coincides with peak tourism season. The adverse economic impacts and road safety issues have not been properly considered. There are significant movements of holiday makers and cattle trucks along the Carpentaria Highway during the dry season. Increased traffic from the fracking fields, including heavy and oversized vehicles, puts other travellers at risk.

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Finally, I express my strong opposition - my abhorrence - towards any Territory or Federal government funding being issued to Imperial/ Empire Energy to advance the proposed Work Program for EP187. Empire Energy is seeking government financial support through the Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program to advance this works program, yet has not shown good faith in releasing essential details of its proposed operations in EP187 to public scrutiny.

Please do not use public money, taxpayers' money, to support a project so disadvantageous to Territorians (particularly to Indigenous Territorians)!

At the very least, this fracking project must be subject to the full Federal assessment process and a Territory Environmental Impact Assessment.

Yours sincerely,

Jean McDonald

Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Mcdonald, Jeff – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 13:19:46

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From	Jeff Mcdonald
Sent	12/05/2021 1:19:46 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Jeff McDonald

Williamstown, Victoria, 3016, Australia

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Mcdonald, Louise – Saturday, 15 May 2021 – 13:37:24

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Louise Mcdonald
Sent	15/05/2021 1:37:24 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Louise McDonald
Aldinga, South Australia, 5173, Australia

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Mcdonald, Rhett – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:48:11

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Rhett McDonald
Sent	11/05/2021 12:48:11 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Rhett McDonald
Mount Gambier, South Australia, 5290, Australia

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Mcdonald, Robert – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 18:21:13

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Robert Mcdonald
Sent	12/05/2021 6:21:13 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Robert McDonald

Castaways Beach, Queensland, 4567, Australia

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Mcdonnell, Rosie – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 13:54:04

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Rosie Mcdonnell
Sent	12/05/2021 1:54:04 PM

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Mcevoy, Andrew – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 07:44:30

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From	Andrew Mcevoy
Sent	12/05/2021 7:44:30 AM

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Andrew McEvoy

Driver, Northern Territory, 0830, Australia

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Mcfarlane, Malcolm – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 07:16:03

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Sent	12/05/2021 7:16:03 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Malcolm Mcfarlane

New South Wales, 2388, Australia

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Mcgill, Ian – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 15:54:34

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Ian McGill
Sent	19/05/2021 3:54:34 PM

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Ian McGill

South Yarra, Victoria, 3141, Australia

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Mcginn, Diana – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:22:15

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From	Diana McGinn
Sent	11/05/2021 2:22:15 PM

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Mcguinness, Brian – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:19:06

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:19:06 PM

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Mcguire, Sharyn – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:12:06

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:12:06 PM

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Sharyn McGuire

Birmingham, Michigan, 48009, United States

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Mchugh, Margaret – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:30:44

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Sent	11/05/2021 3:30:44 PM

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Margaret Mchugh

White Gums, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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McIntosh, Neil – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:44:53

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Neil McIntosh
Sent	11/05/2021 12:44:53 PM

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Mcintyre, Glenda – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:38:23

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From	Glenda McIntyre
Sent	11/05/2021 4:38:23 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Glenda McIntyre

Leslie Manor, Victoria, 3260, Australia

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Mcintyre, Heather – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 19:01:40

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Heather McIntyre
Sent	19/05/2021 7:01:40 PM

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Mckay, Allan – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:41:47

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Allan Mckay
Sent	11/05/2021 1:41:47 PM

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I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

Learnings from previous projects:

Experience in southern Queensland would indicate that this proposal for seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental impacts. The environmental destruction and impacts from gas projects on farmers and rural land use in southern Queensland has been nothing short of catastrophic. I'm concerned this fracking program is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants.

The need for a full environmental impact assessment:

I believe the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project should be assessed at the Federal level, plus with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

Climate change considerations:

It is critical to document the projects total emissions during construction and operation, an impact that has national and global implications when the world is struggling to reach zero emissions under international obligations.

Wet tropics considerations:

It is critical to detail the implications of such a project in an area which experiences extraordinary wet season weather flooding events.

Potential for permanent damage to existing natural environments:

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Allan McKay

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Mckay, Denis – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:28:32

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Sent	11/05/2021 5:28:32 PM

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Denis Mckay

Kingsbury, Victoria, 3083, Australia

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Mckay, Steve – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 16:31:41

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Sent	12/05/2021 4:31:41 PM

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Steve McKay

Bli Bli, Queensland, 4560, Australia

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Mckelvie, Bruce – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:21:43

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Sent	11/05/2021 2:21:43 PM

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Mckenna, Peter – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 06:31:42

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From	Peter Mckenna
Sent	13/05/2021 6:31:42 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Peter McKenna

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Mckenzie, – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:53:38

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Ian Mckenzie
Sent	11/05/2021 3:53:38 PM

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Yours sincerely,

ian mckenzie

Girrawheen, Western Australia, 6064, Australia

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Mckinley, Annette – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 11:59:49

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Annette Mckinley
Sent	11/05/2021 11:59:49 AM

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Yours sincerely,
Annette McKinley
Suffolk Park, New South Wales, 2481, Australia

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Mckinley, Maxine – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:03:58

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Maxine Mckinley
Sent	11/05/2021 12:03:58 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Maxine McKinley

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Mckinnon, Claire – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 16:34:44

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Claire Mckinnon
Sent	18/05/2021 4:34:44 PM

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Further, in a time when we need to urgently act to limit the impacts of climate change, we cannot afford to continue developing new oil and gas projects.

Finally, I express my strong opposition to any Territory or Federal government funding being issued to Imperial/ Empire Energy to advance the proposed Work Program for EP187. Empire Energy is seeking government financial support through the Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program to advance this works program, yet has not shown good faith in releasing essential details of its proposed operations in EP187 to public scrutiny.

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Yours sincerely,
Claire McKinnon
Hillarys, Western Australia, 6025, Australia

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Mckinnon, Morag – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:30:59

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Morag Mckinnon
Sent	11/05/2021 1:30:59 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Morag McKinnon

Mount Gravatt, Queensland, 4122, Australia

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McClean, Adrian – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 01:22:09

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Adrian McClean
Sent	14/05/2021 1:22:09 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Adrian McLEAN

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Mclean, Linda – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:06:26

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From	Linda Mclean
Sent	11/05/2021 3:06:26 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Linda McLean
Scarborough, Western Australia, 6019, Australia

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Mclennan, Carolyn – Sunday, 16 May 2021 – 17:45:17

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Carolyn Mclennan
Sent	16/05/2021 5:45:17 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Carolyn McLennan
Rum Jungle, Northern Territory, 0822, Australia

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Mcmaster, David – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:01:45

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	David McMaster
Sent	11/05/2021 7:01:45 PM

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Mcmurphy, Megan – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:36:56

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Sent	11/05/2021 1:36:56 PM

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Megan McMurchy

Tamarama, New South Wales, 2026, Australia

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Mcmurray, Anne – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:07:25

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Sent	11/05/2021 2:07:25 PM

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McNab, George – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 20:18:01

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From	George McNab
Sent	12/05/2021 8:18:01 PM

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George McNab

Albert Park, Victoria, 3206, Australia

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Mcnamara, Tom – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 23:33:16

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From	Tom McNamara
Sent	13/05/2021 11:33:16 PM

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tom mcnamara

Carlton North, Victoria, 3054, Australia

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Mcneill, Lindsay – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 19:58:09

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Sent	12/05/2021 7:58:09 PM

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Sent	11/05/2021 1:23:38 PM

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Mcphee, Bernadette – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:23:39

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Bernadette Mcphee
Sent	11/05/2021 8:23:39 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

On behalf of my family of 7, and many communities objecting to FOSSIL FUELS, I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

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Yours sincerely,

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Mcqueen, Bruce – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 23:37:06

Subject	My strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP.
From	Bruce Mcqueen
Sent	12/05/2021 11:37:06 PM

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Bruce McQueen

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Mcrae, Patti – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 06:22:07

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Patti Mcrae
Sent	12/05/2021 6:22:07 AM

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Patti McRae

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Mcveity, Satya – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 21:55:16

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Satya Mcveity
Sent	11/05/2021 9:55:16 PM

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Mcwhinney, Eric – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 23:00:54

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From	Eric Mcwhinney
Sent	11/05/2021 11:00:54 PM

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Medley, Peter – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 18:24:48

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Peter Medley
Sent	19/05/2021 6:24:48 PM

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I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

As an environmental scientist I understand the scientific basis of the statements below and as someone who has lived in the NT for most of my life I wanted to highlight my very real concerns about this project.

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Meek, Margaret – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:06:48

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Margaret Meek
Sent	11/05/2021 2:06:48 PM

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Margaret Meek

Lake Haven, New South Wales, 2263, Australia

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Meggitt, Stephanie – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 16:19:57

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Stephanie Meggitt
Sent	18/05/2021 4:19:57 PM

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Stephanie Meggitt

Victoria Point, Queensland, 4165, Australia

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Meichelboeck, Barbara – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 20:07:16

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Barbara Meichelboeck
Sent	19/05/2021 8:07:16 PM

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Yours sincerely,
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Meijer, Eric – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:33:47

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From	Eric Meijer
Sent	11/05/2021 12:33:47 PM

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Melasti, Trish – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:12:27

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From	Trish Melasti
Sent	11/05/2021 1:12:27 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

Lock The Gate have said everything I want to say below, but I want to emphasise how important our precious groundwater and aboveground environment is to me. Empire Energy has omitted several vitally important facets of their proposal, not least repatriation of the site once it is no longer operating. Empire is a rookie. They want to commence before baseline groundwater studies are complete! How is this possible? Do we care so little for the impact of seven new fracking wells on the NT environment that we're prepared to just 'overlook' factors of critical importance.

I beg you, at the very least, to delay commencement until adequate studies have been completed and submitted.

Thank you.

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Trish Melasti

Monbulk, Victoria, 3793, Australia

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Meldrum, Garnet – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:53:14

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From	Garnet Meldrum
Sent	11/05/2021 3:53:14 PM

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Garnet Meldrum

Emungalan, Northern Territory, 0850, Australia

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Melverton, Paul – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:36:27

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From	Paul Merverton
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Howard, Queensland, 4659, Australia

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Mentis, Katrina – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 05:47:09

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From	Katrina Mentis
Sent	13/05/2021 5:47:09 AM

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Mercier, George – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 11:20:45

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From	George Mercier
Sent	12/05/2021 11:20:45 AM

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george mercier

Tamarama, New South Wales, 2026, Australia

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Yours sincerely,

Helen Meredith

Flaxton, Queensland, 4560, Australia

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Merit, Glen – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 09:01:17

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Glen Merit
Sent	17/05/2021 9:01:17 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Glen Merit

Catherine Hill Bay, New South Wales, 2281, Australia

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Merry, Mid – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 08:30:51

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Mid Merry
Sent	12/05/2021 8:30:51 AM

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Mets, Sophia – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 08:11:51

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Sophia Mets
Sent	13/05/2021 8:11:51 AM

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METZENTHEN, DAVID – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:47:44

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	DAVID METZENTHEN
Sent	11/05/2021 12:47:44 PM

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Yours sincerely,

DAVID METZENTHEN

Camberwell, Victoria, 3124, Australia

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Meyer, Martina – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:29:21

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Martina Meyer
Sent	11/05/2021 3:29:21 PM

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Martina Meyer

Clayfield, Queensland, 4011, Australia

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Michau, Michelle – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 08:45:33

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Michelle Michau
Sent	12/05/2021 8:45:33 AM

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Michelle Michau

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Middleton, Bruce – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 22:05:35

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From	Bruce Middleton
Sent	12/05/2021 10:05:35 PM

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Bruce Middleton

Maylands, Western Australia, 6051, Australia

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Miller, Brian – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:57:17

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Brian Miller
Sent	11/05/2021 4:57:17 PM

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Mills, A – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:19:18

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From	A Mills
Sent	11/05/2021 5:19:18 PM

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Mills, Miranda – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 09:34:08

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From	Miranda Mills
Sent	12/05/2021 9:34:08 AM

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MILLS, SANDRA – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:24:11

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Sent	11/05/2021 8:24:11 PM

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Milton, Carl – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 05:29:09

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From	Carl Milton
Sent	12/05/2021 5:29:09 AM

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Minnett, Warren – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 14:28:53

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Warren Minnett
Sent	19/05/2021 2:28:53 PM

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Mirecki, Lara – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 06:49:19

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From	Lara Mirecki
Sent	13/05/2021 6:49:19 AM

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Sent	11/05/2021 7:04:33 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Ian Mitchell

Upper Coomera, Queensland, 4209, Australia

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Mitchell, Jan – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 06:42:21

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From	Jan Mitchell
Sent	12/05/2021 6:42:21 AM

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Jan Mitchell

Lake Macquarie, New South Wales, 2283, Australia

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Dual submission

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Jan Mitchell
Warrnambool, Victoria, 3280, Australia

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Mitchell, Margaret – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 08:23:38

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From	Margaret Mitchell
Sent	12/05/2021 8:23:38 AM

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Yours sincerely,

margaret Mitchell

Hallett Cove, South Australia, 5158, Australia

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Moell, Yiltan – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 20:39:42

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Yiltan Moell
Sent	19/05/2021 8:39:42 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Yiltan Moell

White Gums, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Moffat, Jodie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 22:08:47

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jodie Moffat
Sent	11/05/2021 10:08:47 PM

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Jodie Kathleen Moffat

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Moir, Katy – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 21:58:24

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From	Katy Moir
Sent	13/05/2021 9:58:24 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Katy Moir
Nightcliff, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Moll, David – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:09:12

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From	David Moll
Sent	11/05/2021 12:09:12 PM

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David Moll
North Rocks, New South Wales, 2151, Australia

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Montgomery, Rowan – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 15:51:35

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From	Rowan Montgomery
Sent	12/05/2021 3:51:35 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Rowan Montgomery

Shoalwater, Western Australia, 6169, Australia

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Moore, Elizabeth – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 20:08:38

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Elizabeth Moore
Sent	17/05/2021 8:08:38 PM

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I'm very concerned about impacts on groundwater quality. The recent discovery of at least 11 new stygofauna species in the Cambrian Limestone Aquifer should trigger a halt to all fracking activity. Groundwater baseline testing and studies of aquifer connectivity must be completed. These new stygofauna species are crucial to keeping water clean and usable for us all. Fracking activities may put these species and groundwater at risk.

This fracking work schedule coincides with peak tourism season. The adverse economic impacts and road safety issues have not been properly considered. There are significant movements of holiday makers and cattle trucks along the Carpentaria Highway during the dry season. Increased traffic from the fracking fields, including heavy and oversized vehicles, puts other travellers at risk.

The transport of chemicals, radioactive mud and fracking waste fluids via pipelines and trucks and their storage in open treatment tanks in a cyclone pathway presents a contamination risk. The proposed works area is in close proximity to the Limmen Bight River, which flows into Limmen Bight Marine National Park. There is a risk of fluids spilt during storage and transport flowing into the Limmen Bight.

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Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Moore

Sadadeen, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Moore, Janet – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 12:56:54

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Janet Moore
Sent	14/05/2021 12:56:54 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

This proposal for seven new fracking wells and 6 new well pads in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental impacts, and is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants.

I believe the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project should be assessed at the Federal level, plus with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

The fracking wells will be connected by a grid of roads and flow lines - pipelines carrying polluted waste fluid between frack sites. Well pads will be cleared, seismic lines cut across dry savannah woodland and traversing creeks. Pipelines and tracks will be constructed beside and over creeks.

Because of all this, the proposal includes 150 hectares of land clearing, scarring a significant stretch of country. This will increase predation on native species from feral animals and cause inundation by invasive species, which typically favour areas of disturbance.

In addition Imperial is proposing to frack just 1.1km from a water bore, the minimum distance permitted. The Pepper Inquiry found that fracking within a kilometre of water bores poses an unacceptable risk of water contamination. I'm concerned about impacts on groundwater quality.

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Many of the essential details regarding well integrity, i.e. what the wells will be made of, and what steps Empire Energy would take to mitigate the risk of well degradation or failure are The details of the Well Operations Management Plan (WOMP) will not be released to the public; This is a clear breach of the Pepper Inquiry's call for transparency.

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Yours sincerely,
Janet Moore
Haberfield, New South Wales, 2045, Australia

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Moraitis, Peter – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 19:41:18

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Peter Moraitis
Sent	18/05/2021 7:41:18 PM

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I'm very concerned about impacts on groundwater quality. The recent discovery of at least 11 new stygofauna species in the Cambrian Limestone Aquifer should trigger a halt to all fracking activity. Groundwater baseline testing and studies of aquifer connectivity must be completed. These new stygofauna species are crucial to keeping water clean and usable for us all. Fracking activities may put these species and groundwater at risk.

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Yours sincerely,

Peter Moraitis

St Kilda, Victoria, 3182, Australia

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Moran, Deborah – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 19:21:42

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Deborah Moran
Sent	13/05/2021 7:21:42 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Deborah Moran

Heathfield, South Australia, 5153, Australia

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Moran, Michael – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 19:55:34

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Michael Moran
Sent	18/05/2021 7:55:34 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Michael Moran
Curtin, Australian Capital Territory, 2605, Australia

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Moran, Mick – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:49:06

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Mick Moran
Sent	11/05/2021 3:49:06 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Mick Moran
Dee Why, New South Wales, 2099, Australia

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Morelli, Mattia – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 22:52:12

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Mattia Morelli
Sent	19/05/2021 10:52:12 PM

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Yours sincerely,

mattia morelli

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Moreno, Walter – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 15:00:01

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Walter Moreno
Sent	12/05/2021 3:00:01 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Walter Moreno

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Morgan, Bob – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:17:08

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Bob Morgan
Sent	11/05/2021 5:17:08 PM

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Bob Morgan

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Morgan, Gareth – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 21:06:27

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Gareth Morgan
Sent	13/05/2021 9:06:27 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Gareth Morgan

Seddon West, Victoria, 3011, Australia

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Morgan, Lorna – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:46:30

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Lorna Morgan
Sent	11/05/2021 12:46:30 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Lorna Morgan

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Morison, Robert – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:16:40

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Robert Morison
Sent	11/05/2021 12:16:40 PM

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China have started scaling back their gas imports from Australia, and in the light of recent Federal Government antagonisms this can expect to be enlarged. Other countries, particularly Japan and Taiwan have set targets for carbon emission reduction and will also decrease their reliance on Australian gas (and coal).

To approve carbon mining of any kind in a time when the World is swinging to renewables, is insanity and a recipe for stranded assets.

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This fracking project must be subject to the full Federal assessment process and a Territory Environmental Impact Assessment, and some common sense.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Morison

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Morrigan, Viviane – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:41:02

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Viviane Morrigan
Sent	11/05/2021 1:41:02 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am writing to express my deep concern as an Australian citizen regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

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Yours sincerely,

Viviane Morrigan

Lakemba, New South Wales, 2195, Australia

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Morris, Carmen – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:14:03

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Carmen Morris
Sent	11/05/2021 12:14:03 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Carmen Morris

Secret Harbour, Western Australia, 6173, Australia

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Morris, Charles – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 08:29:55

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Charles Morris
Sent	12/05/2021 8:29:55 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Charles Morris

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Morris, Elli – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 10:13:06

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Elli Morris
Sent	19/05/2021 10:13:06 AM

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Elli Morris

Nightcliff, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Morris, Marie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:05:33

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From	Marie Morris
Sent	11/05/2021 4:05:33 PM

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Morris, Stephen – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:25:07

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From	Stephen Morris
Sent	11/05/2021 12:25:07 PM

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Stephen Morris
The Entrance North, New South Wales, 2261, Australia

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Morris, Theresa – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 01:52:55

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From	Theresa Morris
Sent	12/05/2021 1:52:55 AM

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Morrison, Edward – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 07:44:35

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Sent	12/05/2021 7:44:35 AM

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Morrison, Ian – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:37:56

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From	Ian Morrison
Sent	11/05/2021 1:37:56 PM

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• Katoomba DC, New South Wales, 2780, Australia

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Morten, Carol – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:30:12

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From	Carol Morten
Sent	11/05/2021 2:30:12 PM

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Mortimer, Elisabeth – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:59:27

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From	Elisabeth Mortimer
Sent	11/05/2021 5:59:27 PM

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Moser, Irene – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:50:17

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From	Irene Moser
Sent	11/05/2021 2:50:17 PM

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Irene Moser
Burwood, Victoria, 3125, Australia

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Moussalli, Reef – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 02:47:15

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Sent	12/05/2021 2:47:15 AM

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MUIR, ANGUS – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:14:00

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Mulcahy, Susan – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 10:09:50

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From	Susan Mulcahy
Sent	19/05/2021 10:09:50 AM

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Rapid Creek, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Vermont South, Victoria, 3133, Australia

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Mulvey, Anne – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:58:41

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:58:41 PM

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Paraparap, Victoria, 3240, Australia

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Sent	11/05/2021 1:11:40 PM

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MUNRO, MURRAY – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 14:26:18

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Munro, Paul – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:00:35

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From	Paul Munro
Sent	11/05/2021 4:00:35 PM

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Paul Munro

Mosman, New South Wales, 2088, Australia

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Murias, Richard – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:47:54

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From	Richard Murias
Sent	11/05/2021 12:47:54 PM

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Murphy, Barbara – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 12:21:55

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Sent	12/05/2021 12:21:55 PM

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Barbara Murphy

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Murphy, Dan – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 11:48:34

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From	Dan Murphy
Sent	14/05/2021 11:48:34 AM

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Murphy, Matt – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:53:03

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Sent	11/05/2021 1:53:03 PM

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Matt Murphy

Maroubra, New South Wales, 2035, Australia

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Murr, Debbie – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 10:41:31

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From	Debbie Murr
Sent	12/05/2021 10:41:31 AM

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Carole Park, Queensland, 4300, Australia

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Murray, Ross – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:53:57

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Sent	11/05/2021 7:53:57 PM

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Ross Murray

Tuncurry, New South Wales, 2428, Australia

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Murray, Trish – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:07:37

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From	Trish Murray
Sent	11/05/2021 3:07:37 PM

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Trish Murray

St Pauls, New South Wales, 2031, Australia

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Muscara, Rocco – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:25:29

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From	Rocco Muscara
Sent	11/05/2021 6:25:29 PM

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Rocco Muscara

Keilor East, Victoria, 3033, Australia

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Mussared, Maud – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:06:00

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Maud Mussared
Sent	11/05/2021 4:06:00 PM

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Maud Mussared

Darwin DC, Northern Territory, 0820, Australia

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Myer, Jemima – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:55:43

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jemima Myer
Sent	11/05/2021 7:55:43 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Jemima Myer
Nightcliff, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Mylius, Susan – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 16:41:10

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Susan Mylius
Sent	17/05/2021 4:41:10 PM

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Emerald, Victoria, 3782, Australia

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Nadas, Paula – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:47:12

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Paula Nadas
Sent	11/05/2021 1:47:12 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

STOP WASTING AUSTRALIAN TAX PAYERS \$.

THE USA FRACKERS HAVE BORROWED OVER A TRILLION \$ TO DESTROY THE ENVIRONMENT FOR A ROI OF A FEW BILLION.

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Paula Nadas

White Gums, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Naden, Chris – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:01:07

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From	Chris Naden
Sent	11/05/2021 12:01:07 PM

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Naismith, Jan – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 07:27:28

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jan Naismith
Sent	18/05/2021 7:27:28 AM

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Nankervis, Claudia – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 10:41:26

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Claudia Nankervis
Sent	12/05/2021 10:41:26 AM

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Claudia Nankervis

Brunswick East, Victoria, 3057, Australia

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Nanshe, Barbara – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 10:55:08

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Barbara Nanshe
Sent	17/05/2021 10:55:08 AM

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Napaltjari, Lorraine – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 21:57:15

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From	Lorraine Gibson Napaltjari
Sent	13/05/2021 9:57:15 PM

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Lorraine Gibson Napaltjari

Tennant Creek, Northern Territory, 0860, Australia

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Nash, Toni – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:31:58

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Sent	11/05/2021 8:31:58 PM

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Toni Nash

Fulham Gardens, South Australia, 5024, Australia

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Neal, Bryce – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 18:28:17

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Bryce Neal
Sent	19/05/2021 6:28:17 PM

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Bryce Neal

Howard Springs, Northern Territory, 0835, Australia

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Neal, Sarah – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:06:45

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From	Sarah Neal
Sent	11/05/2021 5:06:45 PM

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Nebel, Antje – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:44:18

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Antje Nebel
Sent	11/05/2021 7:44:18 PM

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Neilson, Graham – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:11:56

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Sent	11/05/2021 6:11:56 PM

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Graham Neilson

Flemington, Victoria, 3031, Australia

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J Nelson

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Nelson, Karyn – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:23:05

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From	Karyn Nelson
Sent	11/05/2021 8:23:05 PM

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Nesbitt, Bruce – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:54:42

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From	Bruce Nesbitt
Sent	11/05/2021 12:54:42 PM

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Bruce Nesbitt

Pennant Hills, New South Wales, 2120, Australia

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Newham, Dianna – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 21:43:31

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Dianna Newham
Sent	17/05/2021 9:43:31 PM

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White Gums, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Newling, Edward – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:02:02

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Newman, Wilhelmina – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:14:36

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From	Wilhelmina Newman
Sent	11/05/2021 2:14:36 PM

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Newman, Yolanda – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:14:12

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:14:12 PM

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I strongly urge you to make a decision which protects the natural environment as a priority.

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Yolanda Newman

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Newsome, Jennifer – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 08:33:36

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From	Jennifer Newsome
Sent	12/05/2021 8:33:36 AM

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Newton, Helen – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:50:02

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Sent	11/05/2021 5:50:02 PM

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Helen Newton

Ashgrove, Queensland, 4060, Australia

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Nial, Gaye – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:55:13

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Gaye Nial
Sent	11/05/2021 3:55:13 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Gaye Nial
Logan Central, Queensland, 4114, Australia

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Nicholls, Waratah – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:39:08

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Waratah Nicholls
Sent	11/05/2021 5:39:08 PM

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Waratah Nicholls

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Nickell, Dennis – Sunday, 16 May 2021 – 21:14:17

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Dennis Nickell
Sent	16/05/2021 9:14:17 PM

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Helen Nickell

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Nilsen, Angela – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:00:25

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Angela Nilsen
Sent	11/05/2021 3:00:25 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I support all that is written! When will you realise that this is not safe for our environment, fauna, flora and US! No to a gas lead recovery that simply means pulling the wool over peoples eyes because you don't call it FRACKING! One day they will wake up in a hurry and you and your gas lead recovery will be up ships creek where you and it belongs!

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Angela Nilsen

Port Kennedy, Western Australia, 6172, Australia

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Nimwegen, Wanny – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:35:07

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Wanny Van Nimwegen
Sent	11/05/2021 1:35:07 PM

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Noble, Jennifer – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 12:40:44

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jennifer Noble
Sent	13/05/2021 12:40:44 PM

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Noble, Mary – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 12:00:29

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Mary Noble
Sent	19/05/2021 12:00:29 PM

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Mary Noble

Marrara, Northern Territory, 0812, Australia

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Nolan, Catherine – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:35:46

Subject	Absolute, point-blank objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Catherine Nolan
Sent	11/05/2021 4:35:46 PM

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This proposal for seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental impacts. I'm concerned this fracking program is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny demanded by the damage to the environment that it will cause.

The scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project should be assessed at the Federal level, plus with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

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As always with projects of this nature, the impacts on groundwater quality are of major concern. The recent discovery of at least 11 new stygofauna species in the Cambrian Limestone Aquifer should trigger a halt to all fracking activity. Groundwater baseline testing and studies of aquifer connectivity must be completed. These new stygofauna species are crucial to keeping water clean and usable for us all. Fracking activities may well put these species and groundwater at risk.

This fracking work schedule coincides with peak tourism season. The adverse economic impacts and road safety issues have not been properly considered. There are significant movements of holiday makers and cattle trucks along the Carpentaria Highway during the dry season. Increased traffic from the fracking fields, including heavy and oversized vehicles, puts other travellers at risk.

What could go wrong with the transport of chemicals, radioactive mud and fracking waste fluids via pipelines and trucks and their storage in open treatment tanks in a cyclone pathway? Excuse the sarcasm and please fill in the blanks from the many environmental reports you have no doubt commissioned and pored over to do your due diligence on this ill-advised project. Also, the proposed works area is in close proximity to the Limmen Bight River,

which flows into Limmen Bight Marine National Park. There is a risk of fluids spilt during storage and transport flowing into the Limmen Bight.

Unfortunately, many of the essential details regarding well integrity, i.e. what the wells will be made of, and what steps Empire Energy would take to mitigate the risk of well degradation or failure are only detailed in the Well Operations Management Plan (WOMP). The WOMP hasn't even been completed and the Plan will not be released to the public nor the Environment Minister. This secrecy regarding the details of well construction and operation is dangerous and a clear breach of the Pepper Inquiry's call for transparency.

I strongly oppose any Territory or Federal government funding being issued to Imperial/Empire Energy to advance the proposed Work Program for EP187. Empire Energy is seeking government financial support through the Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program to advance this works program, yet has not shown good faith in releasing essential details of its proposed operations in EP187 to public scrutiny.

This fracking project must be subject to the full Federal assessment process and a Territory Environmental Impact Assessment.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Nolan

Double Bay, New South Wales, 2028, Australia

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Nolan, John – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:23:06

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From	John Nolan
Sent	11/05/2021 5:23:06 PM

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Yours sincerely,

John Nolan

Elimbah, Queensland, 4516, Australia

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Nolan, Michael – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:46:22

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From	Michael Nolan
Sent	11/05/2021 6:46:22 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Michael Nolan

Coorparoo, Queensland, 4151, Australia

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Noo, Shin – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:21:36

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From	Shin Noo
Sent	11/05/2021 2:21:36 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Han Noo

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Norman, G.Matthew – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:10:00

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	G.Matthew Norman
Sent	11/05/2021 3:10:00 PM

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Yours sincerely,

G.Matthew Norman

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North, Ray – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:55:11

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Ray North
Sent	11/05/2021 8:55:11 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Ray North

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Northage, Sharon – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:23:34

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From	Sharon Northage
Sent	11/05/2021 2:23:34 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Sharon Northage

Earlville, Queensland, 4870, Australia

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Northey, Robert – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:56:36

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From	Robert Northey
Sent	11/05/2021 12:56:36 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Robert Northey

Melbourne, Victoria, 3000, Australia

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Norton, Ray – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:38:03

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Sent	11/05/2021 1:38:03 PM

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Ray Norton

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Nota, Yvonne – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:49:57

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Yvonne Nota
Sent	11/05/2021 3:49:57 PM

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Yvonne Nota

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Nurrdalinji, Chair – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 20:13:07

Subject	Submission EMP for EP 187
From	Chair Nurrdalinji
Sent	19/05/2021 8:13:07 PM

Please find attached our submission to the EMP for EP 187,
Regards,
Johnny Wilson

Attached Documents

Submission

**Imperial Oil & Gas Pty Ltd (“Imperial”):
Environment Management Plan 2021-2025
EP187 Work Program NT Exploration Permit
 (“Imperial EMP”)**

NURRDALINJI NATIVE TITLE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

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By email: imperial.ep187@nt.gov.au

Introduction: Nurrdalinji Native Title Aboriginal Corporation

1. Thank you for the opportunity to make these comments.
2. Nurrdalinji Native Title Aboriginal Corporation (Nurrdalinji) was established to give effect to decisions made by native title holders of the Beetaloo Sub-basin/ Barkly regions, Northern Territory, in September 2020. Nurrdalinji was registered with the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations on 9 October 2020. Our name “Nurrdalinji” is an Alawa language word meaning “mixed tribe”, which reflects the fact that our membership is drawn from a wide area and several different language groups.
3. Nurrdalinji is an important vehicle for us to express our concerns and to protect the interests of our members and native title holders in the Beetaloo Sub-basin/ Barkly region generally. We formed Nurrdalinji to act as a clear and faithful voice for native title holders frustrated by the quality and adequacy of the Northern Land Council’s (NLC) advice and representation of our interests, most recently in relation to fracking on our country.
4. Our members have native title and traditional interests across the Beetaloo Sub-basin/ Barkly region, including in the area of Exploration Permit 187, held by Imperial Oil & Gas Pty Ltd.

Lack of Consultation and Informed Consent

5. Our people have had little if any engagement with Imperial about its plans to frack our country. There is widespread confusion and concern among native title holders about what Imperial is planning to do, what the risks are and even how Imperial even obtained consent to frack our country in the first place.

6. On the single occasion that Empire attended a meeting with some of us in Borroloola, we made it clear that Imperial is not welcome to frack our country.
7. Imperial claims that it has “established and continues mutually beneficial relationships with the stakeholder groups. Imperial endeavours to generate positive economic and social benefits for and in partnership with the communities”: Imperial EMP, p.15.
8. Contrary to Imperial’s claim, there is no partnership between Imperial and our people. Imperial does not deal with us. Instead it deals with the NLC without our knowledge or involvement.
9. Imperial claims that “all [its] engagement processes involved "Information, consultation, involvement, collaboration and empowerment" of relevant stakeholders to achieve the best outcome for both parties”: Imperial EMP, pp.15, 125.
10. Imperial’s claim is not true. Nurrdalinji members with native title interests in the area of Imperial’s EP 187 have not been involved in “information, consultation, collaboration and empowerment”. Instead, it is our very disempowerment that forces us to speak through Nurrdalinji.
11. Imperial claims that by engaging with NLC it has satisfied its stakeholder consultation obligations:

“Key relevant stakeholder groups include...Northern Land Council as the representative and agent of traditional Aboriginal owners in accordance with the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 (Cth), whose functions in accordance with section 23 of the Act include ascertaining and expressing the wishes and opinions of Aboriginals living in the area as to the management of the land, to protect the interests of traditional Aboriginal owners and to consult with traditional Aboriginal owners with respect to any proposal relating to the use of that land”: Imperial EMP, pp 15, 125.
12. The NLC is not a stakeholder for our native title purposes. The native title holders affected by EP 187 are the stakeholders, not the NLC. The NLC is merely the representative of the native title holders for the time being, and should only act in accordance with our informed instructions. That is not happening. NLC is not keeping native title holders adequately informed of Imperial’s plans.
13. Imperial has not engaged with affected native title holders in the way that it claims to deal with stakeholders.
14. Imperial has not even acknowledged the existence of native title holders in the area of its EP 187.

15. If Imperial's EMP is approved, it will have been approved without any meaningful consultation with or involvement of affected native title holders.

Concerns about Fracking

16. Our concerns about fracking are not new.
17. When the Pepper Inquiry asked us how we feel about fracking some years ago, most of us said we opposed it. None of the information we have received since then had allayed our concerns about fracking, yet now it is permitted again.
18. When the Federal Energy Minister Angus Taylor visited in October 2020 to inspect Empire Energy's test drilling program at its Carpentaria-1 site, about 85km from Borrooloola, the following comments were made. Peggy Mawson is a Traditional Owner for the area where Empire Energy has drilled and plans to frack. She said, "We call that site where the company is drilling Paradise Pool or Karranjini. It is a mermaid dreaming. I got a shock when I drove past the site recently and saw all the trucks lined up carrying chemicals and drilling equipment waiting to destroy our country. I'm the Mihirringi for that dreaming, the boss lady for that site. Nobody from the government or the company came and asked me for permission to do the fracking there. We want the minister and the whole country to know that the Traditional Owners and the community here do not agree for fracking to go ahead in the McArthur Basin. We all share the water here and we are so worried about what will happen if fracking poisons our water and kills our dreaming."
- Fellow Traditional Owner Robert O'Keefe said, "I'm a senior Traditional Owner for that area Paradise Pool. "We told them that fracking mob when they came to the community that we don't want fracking in that Balbarini area. "It would destroy our land and water. There's a lot of sacred sites in that area and a lot of dreaming story. "They did a trick on us when they had a meeting, saying we signed for fracking when we just signed to say we were at the meeting not to agree to fracking. "They don't have permission from us."We want them to stop. It's really important for us that they don't go there."
19. We know from our brothers and sisters in Queensland and elsewhere that fracking is a dirty and intrusive business which could poison our country and the life that it supports. All of us bear the risks of fracking, yet companies like Imperial, as well as NLC, seem to try to minimise the number of people who are consulted about fracking. They only want to talk about economic benefits, not risks. Yes, many of us are poor, but fracking is not the answer to our poverty. Fracking companies and NLC should not use our poverty as a justification to put us, our land and our waters at risk.
20. We have also heard that one of Imperial's intended locations for a wellpad is in close proximity to a water bore. We understand that environmental studies are yet to be conducted around

Imperial EP areas and at this time the possible risks and impacts to the water systems have not been identified.

21. We have a deep understanding of how everything, including the water systems, are connected, and we know how the systems work on Country. As we have not been consulted appropriately by Imperial, we have not been able to address this or engage in any meaningful consultation about our concerns relating to how this wellpad may impact the water bore and connected water systems.

Conclusion

22. For these reasons, we urge the Northern Territory Government to listen to the people and refuse to approve Imperial's EMP.
23. We seek your Government's support to change the sham Top End (Default) PBC arrangements that enable native title holders' "agents" and "representatives" to lock us into arrangements that we don't want.
24. We seek your Government's help as a matter of urgency, to ensure sacred sites in the region are mapped and protected.



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Johnny Wilson
Nurrdalinji Chairperson

O'Keefe, Susan – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 21:26:35

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Susan O'Keefe
Sent	11/05/2021 9:26:35 PM

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OAM, Judith – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:07:46

Subject	My objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Judith Ohana OAM
Sent	11/05/2021 1:07:46 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am writing to you as a grandmother of five, concerned about the future environment my grandchildren will inherit.

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Judith Ohana
Coogee, New South Wales, 2034, Australia

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OAM, Mignon – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:00:23

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From	Mignon Bonwick OAM
Sent	11/05/2021 1:00:23 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Mignon Bonwick OAM

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O'byrne, Mary – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:55:02

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From	Mary O'byrne
Sent	11/05/2021 12:55:02 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Mary O'Byrne

Epping, New South Wales, 2121, Australia

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O'connor, Lois – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 07:01:50

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Lois O'connor
Sent	12/05/2021 7:01:50 AM

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It doesn't matter where we live. This is damaging for the whole of Australia with increase in pollution.

Yours sincerely,
Lois O'Connor
Banyule, Victoria, 3084, Australia

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Odgaard, Judith – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:40:34

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Judith Odgaard
Sent	11/05/2021 1:40:34 PM

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Judith Odgaard PhD

Mokine, Western Australia, 6401, Australia

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Odgers, Aaron – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 11:52:45

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From	Aaron Odgers
Sent	11/05/2021 11:52:45 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Aaron Odgers

Green Hill, Queensland, 4865, Australia

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O'donnell, Anthony – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:34:03

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From	Anthony O'donnell
Sent	11/05/2021 4:34:03 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

Can you please explain to me how any new gas wells are compatible with the aim of reaching our aim to reduce green house gas emissions to a level that is sustainable for our future. Any new fracking is a rejection of this aim apart from the damage that will be done to ground water and the immediate environment.

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Odwyer, Karen – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 13:01:56

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Karen Odwyer
Sent	19/05/2021 1:01:56 PM

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Karen ODwyer

Darwin DC, Northern Territory, 0820, Australia

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O'flaherty, Gregory – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 22:22:22

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Gregory O'flaherty
Sent	13/05/2021 10:22:22 PM

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Gregory O'Flaherty

Havelock, Victoria, 3465, Australia

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Ogden, Dereka – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:59:11

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Dereka Ogden
Sent	11/05/2021 3:59:11 PM

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Dereka Ogden

Tugun, Queensland, 4224, Australia

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Oke, Marion – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 21:13:23

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From	Marion Oke
Sent	11/05/2021 9:13:23 PM

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Marion oKE

Spargo Creek, Victoria, 3461, Australia

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O'keefe, Allan – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 04:41:25

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From	Allan O'keefe
Sent	19/05/2021 4:41:25 AM

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Yours sincerely,
Allan O'Keefe
East Side, Northern Territory, 0871, Australia

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Olah, Karin – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:44:22

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From	Karin Olah
Sent	11/05/2021 1:44:22 PM

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Karin Olah

Edgecliff, New South Wales, 2027, Australia

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Olijnyk, Sarah – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:09:02

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From	Sarah Olijnyk
Sent	11/05/2021 3:09:02 PM

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Sarah Olijnyk

Coromandel Valley, South Australia, 5051, Australia

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Oliver, Delwyn – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 09:07:44

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From	Delwyn Oliver
Sent	13/05/2021 9:07:44 AM

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Delwyn Oliver

West Bendigo, Victoria, 3550, Australia

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From	Martin Oliver
Sent	11/05/2021 1:15:05 PM

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O'loughlin, Nick – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 21:53:18

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From	Nick O'loughlin
Sent	12/05/2021 9:53:18 PM

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Nick O'Loughlin

Nightcliff, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Omara, Trevor – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:15:07

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From	Trevor Omara
Sent	11/05/2021 12:15:07 PM

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Lutwyche, Queensland, 4030, Australia

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O'neil, Pam – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 19:25:38

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From	Pam O'neil
Sent	18/05/2021 7:25:38 PM

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Ongley, Peter – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 11:08:48

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From	Peter Ongley
Sent	12/05/2021 11:08:48 AM

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Peter Ongley

Banks, Australian Capital Territory, 2906, Australia

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O'patonga, George – Monday, 10 May 2021 – 22:29:49

Subject	2020-21 Northern Territory Drilling Program
From	George O'patonga
Sent	10/05/2021 10:29:49 PM

After donating \$25,000 each to both the ALP and the CLP, Empire Energy is now seeking to capitalize on a taxpayer-funded cash-grab of up to \$22.5 million from the Federal Government.

Geez - that doesn't reek from the stench of corruption of due process and undue influence does it?

I am under no illusions that this or any other objection will change things, but at least now you - whoever reads this email - will know that we know. What you do about that is up to you.

Good luck!

Dick Clarke

19 Foxall St
Elanora Heights NSW 2101
0403 0*****

Oqkley, Jenny – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:37:57

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jenny Oqkley
Sent	11/05/2021 3:37:57 PM

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Oreilly, Joanne – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 06:52:24

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From	Joanne Oreilly
Sent	12/05/2021 6:52:24 AM

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Joanne O'Reilly

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O'reilly, Rachel – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 14:57:09

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From	Rachel O'reilly
Sent	12/05/2021 2:57:09 PM

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Orgill, Linda – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 14:28:53

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Linda Orgill
Sent	14/05/2021 2:28:53 PM

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Linda Orgill

Stockyard, Queensland, 4703, Australia

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Orsi, Jennifer – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 06:38:53

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From	Jennifer Orsi
Sent	12/05/2021 6:38:53 AM

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Ortega, Leonardo – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 10:50:15

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From	Leonardo Ortega
Sent	19/05/2021 10:50:15 AM

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Otis, Nancy – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 21:28:05

Subject	Objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Environmental Management Plan
From	Nancy Otis
Sent	18/05/2021 9:28:05 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

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The Northern Territory Government is assessing plans by fracking company Empire Energy to frack seven new wells. As you are aware, the seven new wells proposed by the fracking company Empire Energy constitute the biggest shale fracking enterprise ever proposed in the NT. The fracking field would threaten nearby water supplies and risk the creation of a scarred and degraded landscape. The proposed environmental management plan does not address the scale of potential damage.

Agricultural businesses and cattle stations would be adversely affected, as would the traditional lands of many Aboriginal groups, including the Jawoyn, Alawa, Jingili and Walmanpa. Remote Aboriginal communities and sacred underground water sites risk serious disruption.

Fracking involves the use of toxic chemicals and is estimated to require 50-60 million litres of water per fractured gas well.

It is unclear where this water will come from nor the impact on ground and surface water systems. Contamination case from the Beetaloo Sub-basin could spread to the interconnected Katherine Daly River systems as well as the Roper River.

The proposed environmental management plan does not begin to address the scale of potential damage. Please require a much more stringent environmental management plan, which includes strict measures for accountability.

Yours sincerely,
Nancy Otis
Elwood, Victoria, 3184, Australia

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Oulaghan, Heather – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 10:15:26

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Heather Oulaghan

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Ousey, Guy – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:25:51

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Sent	11/05/2021 2:25:51 PM

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Sent	11/05/2021 1:38:05 PM

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Sent	11/05/2021 3:56:48 PM

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Ian Overheu

Bramley, Western Australia, 6285, Australia

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Owers, Garry – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 10:07:37

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From	Garry Owers
Sent	18/05/2021 10:07:37 AM

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Ozanne, Eugene – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 15:37:26

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Myers Flat, Victoria, 3556, Australia

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Fairfield, Victoria, 3078, Australia

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Yours sincerely,

Ann-Marie Page

Carlisle, Western Australia, 6101, Australia

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Paget, Siobhan – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 09:12:00

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Siobhan Paget
Sent	17/05/2021 9:12:00 AM

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Pagotto, Pia – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 13:48:22

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Sent	17/05/2021 1:48:22 PM

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Pamela, J – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 12:58:14

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	J Cook Pamela
Sent	12/05/2021 12:58:14 PM

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Parker, Anne – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:31:27

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From	Anne Parker
Sent	11/05/2021 4:31:27 PM

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kevin parker

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Parker, Fabienne – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:13:12

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From	Fabienne Parker
Sent	11/05/2021 1:13:12 PM

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Parker, Helen – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:08:48

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From	Helen Parker
Sent	11/05/2021 4:08:48 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Helen Parker
Surrey Hills, NSW

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Parkin, Melinda – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 03:29:44

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From	Melinda Parkin
Sent	13/05/2021 3:29:44 AM

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Melinda Parkin

Asquith, New South Wales, 2077, Australia

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Parkinson, Clair – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 14:45:10

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From	Clair Parkinson
Sent	14/05/2021 2:45:10 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Clair Parkinson

Marrara, Northern Territory, 0812, Australia

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Parry, Keith – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:22:28

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From	Keith Parry
Sent	11/05/2021 12:22:28 PM

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Parsons, Bernard – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:06:51

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From	Bernard Parsons
Sent	11/05/2021 3:06:51 PM

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Bernard Parsons

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Parsons, Steve – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:47:19

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From	Steve Parsons
Sent	11/05/2021 1:47:19 PM

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Paterson, Jane – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:07:00

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From	Jane Paterson
Sent	11/05/2021 3:07:00 PM

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Paterson, Lee – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:54:38

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From	Lee Paterson
Sent	11/05/2021 12:54:38 PM

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Crohamhurst, Queensland, 4519, Australia

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Patterson, Sandi – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 18:26:31

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Sandi Patterson
Sent	12/05/2021 6:26:31 PM

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This land is precious country with no regard for traditional owners of the land and their land management processes and needs. Water is a precious resource we can never get back once destroyed by fracking.

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Yours sincerely,

Sandi Patterson

Winfield, Queensland, 4670, Australia

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Paul, David – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:22:11

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From	David Paul
Sent	11/05/2021 6:22:11 PM

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David Paul

Fairfield Heights, New South Wales, 2165, Australia

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Pavone, Grace – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 11:22:50

Subject	NO FRACKING. Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Grace Pavone
Sent	14/05/2021 11:22:50 AM

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NO, NO, NO, NO FRACKING ANYWHERE! WE MUST MOVE AWAY FROM THIS DESTRUCTIVE PRACTICE. MOVE TOWARDS RENEWABLES - NO EXCUSES. RESPECTFULLY, THANK YOU.

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Payne, Lynette – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:02:08

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From	Lynette Payne
Sent	11/05/2021 1:02:08 PM

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Lynette Payne

Burnley, Victoria, 3121, Australia

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Payten, Mary-Joy – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 15:02:08

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Mary-Joy Payten
Sent	12/05/2021 3:02:08 PM

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Pearse, Judy – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:45:18

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Judy Pearse
Sent	11/05/2021 12:45:18 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Judy Pearse

Suffolk Park, New South Wales, 2481, Australia

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Pearson, Leonora – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:50:26

Subject	Emphatic Objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Leonora Pearson
Sent	11/05/2021 12:50:26 PM

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Leonora & Will Pearson

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Pearson, Merry – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:32:24

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Merry Pearson
Sent	11/05/2021 12:32:24 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

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Pointer Mountain, New South Wales, 2539, Australia

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Peart, Anna – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:15:26

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Sent	11/05/2021 1:15:26 PM

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Taradale, Victoria, 3447, Australia

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Pedersen, Courtney – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 17:03:38

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Courtney Pedersen
Sent	18/05/2021 5:03:38 PM

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Courtney Pedersen

Richlands, Queensland, 4077, Australia

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Peebles, Matt – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:50:54

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From	Matt Peebles
Sent	11/05/2021 2:50:54 PM

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matt peebles

Gwelup , Western Australia, 6018, Australia

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Pendrey, Catherine – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 08:26:14

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From	Catherine Pendrey
Sent	14/05/2021 8:26:14 AM

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Catherine Pendrey

Glen Huntly, Victoria, 3163, Australia

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Perroux, Michael – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:06:15

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From	Michael Perroux
Sent	11/05/2021 3:06:15 PM

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Perry, Ian – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:17:48

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From	Ian Perry
Sent	11/05/2021 3:17:48 PM

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Ian Perry

Burwood, Victoria, 3125, Australia

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Peter, Jonathan – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:12:46

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From	Jonathan Peter
Sent	11/05/2021 8:12:46 PM

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Jonathan Peter

Woodwark, Queensland, 4802, Australia

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Peterkin, Portia – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 12:25:03

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From	Portia Peterkin
Sent	19/05/2021 12:25:03 PM

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White Gums, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Peters, Robyn – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:49:44

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Sent	11/05/2021 7:49:44 PM

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Robyn Peters

Coolum, Queensland, 4573, Australia

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Peterson, Alan – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 13:17:25

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From	Alan Peterson
Sent	13/05/2021 1:17:25 PM

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Alan Peterson

Greenhills Beach, New South Wales, 2230, Australia

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Peterson, Julie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:34:36

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From	Julie Peterson
Sent	11/05/2021 1:34:36 PM

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Petrick, Jose – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:01:49

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From	Jose Petrick
Sent	11/05/2021 12:01:49 PM

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Petroff, Janet – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:54:58

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From	Janet Petroff
Sent	11/05/2021 12:54:58 PM

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Janet Petroff

Booyong, New South Wales, 2480, Australia

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Petrovansky, Alex – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:52:14

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:52:14 PM

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Phayer, Carol – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:04:23

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From	Carol Phayer
Sent	11/05/2021 12:04:23 PM

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Phelan, Sam – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 14:09:32

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Sam Phelan
Sent	19/05/2021 2:09:32 PM

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Emungalan, Northern Territory, 0850, Australia

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Philipp, Kristine – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:20:12

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From	Kristine Philipp
Sent	11/05/2021 12:20:12 PM

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Philipson, Kevin – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:15:18

Subject	Local resident objection to 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP (fracking wells).
From	Kevin Philipson
Sent	11/05/2021 12:15:18 PM

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Kevin Philipson

Humpty Doo, Northern Territory, 0836, Australia

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Phillips, Georgia – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:32:54

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From	Georgia Phillips
Sent	11/05/2021 3:32:54 PM

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This fracking project must be subject to the full Federal assessment process and a Territory Environmental Impact Assessment.

Yours sincerely,

Georgia Phillips

Stanwell Park, New South Wales, 2508, Australia

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Phillips, Rita – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 23:11:51

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Rita Phillips
Sent	11/05/2021 11:11:51 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

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This fracking project must be subject to the full Federal assessment process and a Territory Environmental Impact Assessment.

Yours sincerely,
Rita Phillips
Pearsall, Western Australia, 6065, Australia

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Phillips, Susan – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:53:46

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Susan Phillips
Sent	11/05/2021 2:53:46 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am horrified at the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

This proposal for seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental impacts.

I believe the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project should be assessed at the Federal level, plus with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

The proposal includes 7 fracking wells and 6 new well pads. Fracking wells will be connected by a grid of roads and flow lines - pipelines carrying polluted waste fluid between frack sites. Well pads will be cleared, seismic lines cut across dry savannah woodland and traversing creeks. Pipelines and tracks will be constructed beside and over creeks.

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Finally I strongly oppose any Territory or Federal government funding being issued to Imperial/ Empire Energy to advance the proposed Work Program for EP187. Empire Energy is seeking government financial support through the Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program to advance this works program yet has not shown good faith in releasing essential details of its proposed operations in EP187 to public scrutiny. This is UNCONSCIONABLE!

This fracking project must be subject to the full Federal assessment process and a Territory Environmental Impact Assessment.

Susan Phillips

Rozelle, New South Wales, 2039

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Philpott, John – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:03:18

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	John Philpott
Sent	11/05/2021 1:03:18 PM

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Yours sincerely,

John Philpott

Coogee, New South Wales, 2034, Australia

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Pickering, Katy – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:03:08

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Katy Pickering
Sent	11/05/2021 12:03:08 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

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Yours sincerely,
Katy Pickering

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Pidcock, Caroline – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:09:21

Subject	We need to nurture our environment - not Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Caroline Pidcock
Sent	11/05/2021 12:09:21 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am so upset I am impelled to write to you. AS elected representatives of all Australians, you should be creating the conditions that will best enable our future living conditions on this planet. With the current climate and biodiversity emergencies, there is NO room for any more gas, of any kind.

The proposal for seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental impacts. Additionally, I'm concerned this fracking program is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants.

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There are so many other threats to so many aspects of the environment - it is impossible to understand why you are even considering this.

Finally, I express my strong opposition to any Territory or Federal government funding being issued to Imperial/ Empire Energy to advance the proposed Work Program for EP187. Empire Energy is seeking government financial support through the Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program to advance this works program, yet has not shown good faith in releasing essential details of its proposed operations in EP187 to public scrutiny.

This fracking project must be stopped. It is that simple.

Yours sincerely,

Caroline Pidcock

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Pidcock, Christel – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:38:20

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Christel Pidcock
Sent	11/05/2021 1:38:20 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Christel Pidcock

Charlton, Queensland, 4350, Australia

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Pie, Sharon – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 09:04:45

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Sharon Pie
Sent	12/05/2021 9:04:45 AM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

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Yours sincerely,
Sharon Pie
Pinjarra Hills, Queensland, 4069, Australia

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Pilgrim, Sel – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:26:07

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Sel Pilgrim
Sent	11/05/2021 1:26:07 PM

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Sel Pilgrim

Labrador, Queensland, 4215, Australia

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Pilven, Elizabeth – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:20:14

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From	Elizabeth Pilven
Sent	11/05/2021 12:20:14 PM

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elizabeth pilven

Northcote South, Victoria, 3070, Australia

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Pisconeri, Daniel – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:32:24

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From	Daniel Pisconeri
Sent	11/05/2021 2:32:24 PM

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South Bunbury, Western Australia, 6230, Australia

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Planert, Dorte – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 18:18:48

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Dorte Planert
Sent	17/05/2021 6:18:48 PM

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:05:47 PM

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Poils, Jordan – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 09:59:32

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From	Jordan Poils
Sent	12/05/2021 9:59:32 AM

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Guildford, Victoria, 3451, Australia

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Pollard, Jane – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 11:10:38

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From	Jane Pollard
Sent	12/05/2021 11:10:38 AM

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Jane Pollard

Freestone, Queensland, 4370, Australia

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Pommer, Kerry – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:37:50

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From	Kerry Pommer
Sent	11/05/2021 1:37:50 PM

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Kerry Pommer

Raceview, Queensland, 4305, Australia

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Christopher Pont

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Pontalti, Mauricio – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 07:10:56

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Mauricio Pontalti
Sent	18/05/2021 7:10:56 AM

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Popic, Tony – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 11:56:55

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From	Tony Popic
Sent	19/05/2021 11:56:55 AM

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Tony Popic

Lutwyche, Queensland, 4030, Australia

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Post, Mitchell – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 22:28:01

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Mitchell Post
Sent	12/05/2021 10:28:01 PM

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Mitchell Post
Sawtell, New South Wales, 2452, Australia

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Potter, Ann – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:55:03

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Ann Potter
Sent	11/05/2021 8:55:03 PM

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Potter, Catherine – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:12:19

Subject	No Fracking. Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Catherine Potter
Sent	11/05/2021 12:12:19 PM

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Potter, Kim – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:27:05

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From	Kim Potter
Sent	11/05/2021 12:27:05 PM

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Power, Leah – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:01:09

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:01:09 PM

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Poynter, Connie – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 08:51:28

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Sent	12/05/2021 8:51:28 AM

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Connie Poynter

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Pratt, Rosemary – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:17:32

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From	Rosemary Pratt
Sent	11/05/2021 12:17:32 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Rosemary Pratt
Corndale, Queensland, 4610, Australia

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Prentice, Paul – Saturday, 15 May 2021 – 17:31:47

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From	Paul Prentice
Sent	15/05/2021 5:31:47 PM

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Paul Prentice
Mount Gambier, South Australia, 5290, Australia

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Price, Adrian – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:10:09

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From	Adrian Price
Sent	11/05/2021 8:10:09 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Adrian Price
Boyup Brook, Western Australia, 6244, Australia

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Price, Ian – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:17:43

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From	Ian Price
Sent	11/05/2021 1:17:43 PM

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Ian Price

South Albury, New South Wales, 2640, Australia

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Primrose, Sybil – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:46:50

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From	Sybil Primrose
Sent	11/05/2021 12:46:50 PM

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Sybil Primrose

Pikes Creek, Queensland, 4380, Australia

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Prince, Harrison – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 11:04:23

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From	Harrison Prince
Sent	12/05/2021 11:04:23 AM

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Prince, Melinda – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 19:36:20

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From	Melinda Prince
Sent	19/05/2021 7:36:20 PM

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Melinda Prince
Brighton East, Victoria, 3187, Australia

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Prior, Lynne – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:03:50

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From	Lynne Prior
Sent	11/05/2021 4:03:50 PM

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Pritchard, Helen – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 19:13:04

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Helen Pritchard
Sent	12/05/2021 7:13:04 PM

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Prucha, Theodor – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 22:36:26

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From	Theodor Prucha
Sent	12/05/2021 10:36:26 PM

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Pruna, Stefano – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:05:09

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From	Stefano Pruna
Sent	11/05/2021 12:05:09 PM

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Prunty, Róisín – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:28:33

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From	Róisín Prunty
Sent	11/05/2021 3:28:33 PM

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Purves, Ray – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:56:15

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From	Ray Purves
Sent	11/05/2021 7:56:15 PM

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Quant, Murray – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 12:16:25

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From	Murray Quant
Sent	17/05/2021 12:16:25 PM

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Quartermaine, Daniel – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:39:27

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Sent	11/05/2021 2:39:27 PM

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South Bunbury, Western Australia, 6230, Australia

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Quelennec, Erwan – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:49:30

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From	Erwan Quelennec
Sent	11/05/2021 7:49:30 PM

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Erwan Quelenec

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Querol, Virginie – Saturday, 15 May 2021 – 18:24:39

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Virginie Querol
Sent	15/05/2021 6:24:39 PM

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Quince, David – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 08:33:43

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Sent	12/05/2021 8:33:43 AM

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david quince
Tambar Springs, New South Wales, 2381, Australia

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Quinn, Jeffrey – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:37:37

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From	Jeffrey Quinn
Sent	11/05/2021 12:37:37 PM

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Rafferty, Sam – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 12:13:00

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Sent	12/05/2021 12:13:00 PM

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Preston, Victoria, 3072, Australia

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Rainow, Danila – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 16:07:53

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From	Danila Rainow
Sent	19/05/2021 4:07:53 PM

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Ralston, Chris – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 11:09:26

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Sent	14/05/2021 11:09:26 AM

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Dual submission

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Ramage, Malcolm – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 10:37:59

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Ramsay, Helen – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 08:33:37

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Helen Ramsay
Sent	12/05/2021 8:33:37 AM

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Vermont South, Victoria, 3133, Australia

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Ramsay, Simon – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 10:37:04

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Sent	12/05/2021 10:37:04 AM

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Randall, Carol – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 13:24:03

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From	Carol Randall
Sent	14/05/2021 1:24:03 PM

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Carol Randall

Emungalan, Northern Territory, 0850, Australia

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Randall, Tracy – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:40:40

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From	Tracy Randall
Sent	11/05/2021 1:40:40 PM

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Rasmussen, Neil – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:38:28

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Sent	11/05/2021 8:38:28 PM

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Reading, Jason – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 19:28:11

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From	Jason Reading
Sent	17/05/2021 7:28:11 PM

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Rebasti, Nadia – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 11:36:30

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Sent	13/05/2021 11:36:30 AM

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Nadia Rebasti

Cable Beach, Western Australia, 6726, Australia

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Rechter, Susan – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 07:36:31

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From	Susan Rechter
Sent	19/05/2021 7:36:31 AM

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Redgrave, Jan – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:38:28

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From	Jan Redgrave
Sent	11/05/2021 4:38:28 PM

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Jan Redgrave

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Redmond, Anthony – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:10:00

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Anthony Redmond
Sent	11/05/2021 6:10:00 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

You will probably be getting lots of letters like this, so I won't bother changing the text below - you already know it off by heart I'm sure.

Just a question; Why is the Coalition shuffling sideways, allowing projects like this, instead of being the leaders for the future that you claim to be? The lifetime for fossil fuels is perhaps no longer than your own lifetime. Be brave.

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Anthony Redmond

Ashbourne, Victoria, 3442, Australia

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Redmond, Helen – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 07:50:10

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From	Helen Redmond
Sent	18/05/2021 7:50:10 AM

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Reedman, Janette – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:41:33

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From	Janette Reedman
Sent	11/05/2021 12:41:33 PM

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Janette Reedman

Seven Hills, New South Wales, 2147, Australia

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Rees, Judy – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:15:34

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From	Judy Rees
Sent	11/05/2021 5:15:34 PM

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Rees, Karen – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:25:07

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From	Karen Rees
Sent	11/05/2021 12:25:07 PM

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Reeves, Julianne – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:10:49

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Sent	11/05/2021 5:10:49 PM

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Julianne ReevesRes

Bouddi, New South Wales, 2251, Australia

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Reid, Alison – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:14:35

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From	Alison Reid
Sent	11/05/2021 5:14:35 PM

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Alison Reid

New South Wales, 2550, Australia

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Reid, Andrea – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 12:05:37

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From	Andrea Reid
Sent	14/05/2021 12:05:37 PM

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Reilly, Duncan – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:35:48

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Sent	11/05/2021 1:35:48 PM

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Duncan Reilly

Reynella East, South Australia, 5161, Australia

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Reiss, Nicola – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 15:39:15

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From	Nicola Reiss
Sent	12/05/2021 3:39:15 PM

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Reuter, Emily – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 11:40:18

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From	Emily Reuter
Sent	13/05/2021 11:40:18 AM

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Reynolds, Helen – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 14:52:28

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From	Helen Reynolds
Sent	12/05/2021 2:52:28 PM

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Catherine Hill Bay, New South Wales, 2281, Australia

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Reynolds, Valerie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:10:57

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From	Valerie Reynolds
Sent	11/05/2021 1:10:57 PM

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Rhoades, Victoria – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 12:07:25

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Sent	12/05/2021 12:07:25 PM

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Rhodes, Keith – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 17:00:44

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Sent	12/05/2021 5:00:44 PM

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Keith Rhodes

Coldstream, Victoria, 3770, Australia

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Rice, Michael – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:50:18

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From	Michael Rice
Sent	11/05/2021 4:50:18 PM

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Rich, Anne – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:41:49

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From	Anne Rich
Sent	11/05/2021 3:41:49 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Anne Rich
Brogers Creek, New South Wales, 2535, Australia

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Rich, Elliot – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 16:08:25

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Elliat Rich
Sent	13/05/2021 4:08:25 PM

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Elliat Rich

East Side, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Richards, Janice – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:06:51

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From	Janice Richards
Sent	11/05/2021 12:06:51 PM

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Richards, Peter – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 19:59:51

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From	Peter Richards
Sent	14/05/2021 7:59:51 PM

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Richardson, Chris – Saturday, 15 May 2021 – 12:09:08

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From	Chris Richardson
Sent	15/05/2021 12:09:08 PM

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Riches, Christine – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 10:06:37

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Christine Riches
Sent	12/05/2021 10:06:37 AM

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Richmond, Marilyn – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:21:27

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From	Marilyn Richmond
Sent	11/05/2021 3:21:27 PM

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Righetti, Malcolm – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 23:00:22

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From	Malcolm Righetti
Sent	11/05/2021 11:00:22 PM

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Yours sincerely,

malcolm righetti

Bracken Ridge, Queensland, 4017, Australia

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Riley, Wayne – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:09:16

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From	Wayne Riley
Sent	11/05/2021 8:09:16 PM

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Rimmer, Robert – Saturday, 15 May 2021 – 19:45:16

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Robert Rimmer
Sent	15/05/2021 7:45:16 PM

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Robert Rimmer

Camp Hill, Queensland, 4152, Australia

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Rippe, Melinda – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:25:54

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From	Melinda Rippe
Sent	11/05/2021 12:25:54 PM

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Melinda Rippe

Mosman, New South Wales, 2088, Australia

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Rippon, Jayla – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:08:45

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:08:45 PM

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Risorto, Thomas – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:32:51

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Thomas Risorto

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Rittberger, Brenton – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 11:05:11

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From	Brenton Rittberger
Sent	19/05/2021 11:05:11 AM

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West Bendigo, Victoria, 3550, Australia

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Arnold, Diane – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:47:12

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From	Diane Arnold
Sent	11/05/2021 12:47:12 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Diane Arnold

Lilli Pilli, New South Wales, 2536, Australia

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Roach, Jinny – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 11:10:58

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From	Jinny Roach
Sent	12/05/2021 11:10:58 AM

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Roads, Deirdre – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 21:05:14

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From	Deirdre Roads
Sent	11/05/2021 9:05:14 PM

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Deirdre Roads

Joyces Creek, Victoria, 3364, Australia

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Robenn, Wayne – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:17:28

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From	Wayne Robenn
Sent	11/05/2021 3:17:28 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Wayne Robenn
Seddon West, Victoria, 3011, Australia

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Robertson, Carly – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 19:13:15

Subject	Please don't frack near water bores in the NT!
From	Carly Robertson
Sent	12/05/2021 7:13:15 PM

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Robertson, Glenne – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:24:30

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From	Glenne Robertson
Sent	11/05/2021 1:24:30 PM

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Robertson, Jenny – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:53:47

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Sent	11/05/2021 2:53:47 PM

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Bairnsdale, Victoria, 3875, Australia

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Sent	11/05/2021 2:21:31 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Peter Robertson

Darwin, Northern Territory, 0820, Australia

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Robertson, Tony – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:05:08

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From	Tony Robertson
Sent	11/05/2021 3:05:08 PM

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Tony Robertson

Lucas, Victoria, 3350, Australia

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From	Tony Robertson
Sent	12/05/2021 1:30:04 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Tony Robertson

Smythes Creek, Victoria, 3351, Australia

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Robins, Daniel – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 23:03:00

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Daniel Robins
Sent	12/05/2021 11:03:00 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Daniel Robins

Nightcliff, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Robins, Malcolm – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 20:59:54

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Malcolm Robins
Sent	18/05/2021 8:59:54 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I wish to express my extreme concern regarding the inadequacy of Environmental Management Plan EP187 submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

This proposal for up to seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant and unacceptable combined environmental impacts and I'm concerned that it is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants.

The scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project should be competently assessed at the Federal level, including detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

The proposal includes up to 7 fracking wells and 6 new well pads. Fracking wells will be connected by a grid of roads and flow lines - pipelines carrying potentially toxic waste fluid between fracking sites. Well pads will be cleared, seismic lines cut across dry savannah woodland and traversing creeks. Pipelines and tracks will be constructed beside and over creeks.

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This fracking work schedule will coincide with peak tourism season. Potential adverse economic impacts and road safety issues have not been adequately considered. There are significant movements of holiday makers and cattle trucks along the Carpentaria Highway during the dry season. Increased traffic from the fracking fields, including heavy and oversized vehicles, puts other travellers at risk.

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risk of fluids spilt during storage and transport flowing into and contaminating the Limmen Bight.

Many essential details regarding well integrity, well construction and materials used, and what steps Empire Energy would take to mitigate the risk of well degradation or failure will only be detailed in the Well Operations Management Plan (WOMP). The WOMP hasn't even been completed and the Plan will not be released to the public nor the Environment Minister. This secrecy regarding the details of well construction and operation is dangerous and a clear breach of the Pepper Inquiry's call for transparency.

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This proposed fracking project must be subject to a full and transparent Federal assessment process Territory Environmental Impact Assessment.

Yours sincerely,
Malcolm Robins
Castlemaine, Victoria, 3450, Australia

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Roden, Janet – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:18:05

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Janet Roden
Sent	11/05/2021 5:18:05 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Dr Janet Roden

South Turramurra, New South Wales, 2074, Australia

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Roebuck, Dominica – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:18:57

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Dominica Roebuck
Sent	11/05/2021 12:18:57 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Dominica Roebuck

White Gums, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Subject	DENR - Consultation Form - 1006629
From	Dominica Roebuck
Sent	19/05/2021 9:28:49 AM

Contact details

First name: Dominica

Surname: Roebuck

Email address: *****

Country: Australia

Postcode: 0870

Phone number:

Stakeholder type: Community

Feedback

Activity you are providing feedback on: Imperial Oil & Gas Pty Ltd ***** EP187 Work Program Environment Management Plan

Category type: Social and cultural, Flora and fauna, Water, Waste Management, Climate change, Human health, Regulation and compliance

If other, please specify::

Comments: In 2018, In a letter to some of it's primary stakeholders, Empire energy rightly referenced the formidable Pepper Inquiry (ASX Announcement, 27 May). It specifically refers to one of the key recommendations of the report, implementing 'Reserved Blocks'- areas that are deemed unsuitable for fracking. The letter rightfully engages with this recommendation, explaining how and why Empire's 187 tenement does not contain any 'reserved blocks'. What the letter does not do, however, is acknowledge or honor the other 100+ recommendations of the Pepper Inquiry. How can a legitimate organisation feign respect for scientific integrity in such a way? This is disappointing, and doesn't make a community trust the activities of an organisation. It doesn't take much research to look wider and see how this project outright rejects the Pepper Inquiry, for example: The Pepper Inquiry found that fracking within a kilometre of water bores poses an unacceptable risk of water contamination. Imperial is proposing to frack just 1.1km from a water bore. This is the minimum set back distance permitted, and does not leave much room for error. Finally, the fact that details of the Environmental Management Plan haven't gone public only further entrenches the mistrust between communities and these companies. How are we supposed to know what they are really doing? I strongly oppose this project, and my community does too.
Dominica Roebuck

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ASX Announcement

27 MAY 2018

NORTHERN TERRITORY OPERATIONS UPDATE

Empire Energy Group Limited (“Empire” or the “Company”) is pleased to provide shareholders an update on its Northern Territory operations.

EP187 2019 2D SEISMIC PROGRAM

Empire recently submitted its revised EP187 2D Seismic Environment Management Plan (“EMP”) for Northern Territory Government assessment.

EMPs are the key regulatory approval requests for upstream oil and gas work program activity in the Northern Territory.

The revised EMP has been submitted in accordance with the new regulations implemented by the Northern Territory Government earlier this year.

Empire anticipates that the submitted EMP will be accepted for formal assessment in the coming weeks.

Subject to regulatory approvals, Empire will mobilise a seismic crew into the area in Q3 2019. The seismic acquisition phase will be approximately 3 weeks, followed by processing and interpretation of approximately 2 months.

Empire has sought tenders from several seismic companies. The total cost of the program, including acquisition, processing and interpretation, is expected to be ~A\$1,300,000 – A\$1,500,000. The seismic program is fully funded from existing cash reserves.

The seismic program will provide valuable technical information including the thickness, depth and lateral extent of petroleum bearing formations including the Velkerri Shale within EP187 which will inform prospective resource volumetrics and future exploration drilling locations.

BEETALOO AND MCARTHUR BASIN MAJOR WORK PROGRAMS

Following a period of regulatory implementation which commenced after the Northern Territory Government announced that the fracking moratorium would be lifted in April 2018, major operators are well advanced in preparations to recommence industry activity in the second half of 2019.

Santos' major focus area for appraisal activities is its EP161 tenement located immediately adjacent and to the West of Empire's EP187 tenement. Seismic data available on open file has been analysed by Empire and it demonstrates that the Velkerri Shale extends from Santos' tenement into Empire's tenement at depths and thicknesses which are suitable for petroleum development. Consequently, Santos' appraisal activities will directly inform the potential of EP187.

Further, Empire's 2019 EP187 2D seismic program will demonstrate the extension of the Velkerri Shale and other prospective petroleum formations into EP187.

In April 2019, the Northern Territory Department of Environment and Natural Resources ("DENR") announced that it had accepted Santos' EP161 2019 drilling Environment Management Plan for assessment. The Santos EMP contemplates the drilling of 2 horizontal wells in 2019 which will test the Velkerri Shale. One of the wells, Inacumba-1, will be in close proximity (approximately 30 km) to EP187.

In a 2019 First Quarter Activities Report, Santos stated that it was on track to commence drilling the first well of the program in Q3 2019.

In May 2019, DENR announced that it had accepted an EMP submitted by Origin Energy for the drilling and hydraulic stimulation of a well to test the liquids-rich Kyalla Formation for assessment.

Origin has indicated that this well would be the first well in a two well program planned for 2019. The second well will target the liquids-rich portion of the Velkerri Shale as detailed in Origin's March 2019 Quarterly Production Report.

Both Santos and Origin's 2019 drilling programs will be of direct value to Empire by demonstrating the production potential of the shale formations of the world class Beetaloo and McArthur Basins.

NORTHERN TERRITORY REGULATORY IMPLEMENTATION

When the Northern Territory Government announced that it would lift the fracking moratorium in April 2018, it accepted all 135 recommendations of the Independent Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory ("the Inquiry").

The recommendations are being implemented in a staged manner in order to facilitate the recommencement of industry activities in 2019 (such as seismic in Empire's EP187 tenement and the drilling and fracture stimulation of horizontal wells in Origin and Santos' tenements). Further regulatory implementation is ongoing.

One of the recommendations of the Inquiry was to implement Reserved Blocks, which are areas deemed by the Inquiry to be inconsistent with petroleum exploration.

Such areas detailed in the Final Report of the Inquiry include towns, areas of high ecological and cultural significance (“Sites of Cultural Significance” or “SOCS”), Indigenous Protected Areas (“IPAs”) and National Parks.

The Northern Territory Government has released a consultation paper for public comment which contains areas of proposed Reserved Blocks. No final decisions regarding the implementation of Reserved Blocks have been made by the Northern Territory Government.

Empire’s EP187 tenement does not contain any proposed Reserved Blocks and as such exploration activities are expected to progress on schedule. EP187 is the principal focus of Empire’s near term work programs as detailed above.

Portions of Empire’s EP184 tenement contain the Limmen National Park which has been detailed as a proposed Reserved Block. Empire has previously carried out work programs in the Limmen National Park portion of EP184 (including drilling in 2014) safely and responsibly. Empire has always complied fully with all Government regulations and approvals and Traditional Owner consents and has remediated the work program areas to a world-class standard.

Portions of Empire’s EP(A)180, EP(A)181, EP(A)182 and EP(A)183 are detailed in the Northern Territory Government consultation paper as being proposed Reserved Blocks due to being either IPAs or SOCS. The Northern Territory Government’s consultation paper specifically notes that Traditional Owners have the right of self-determination over the economic development of their land. This approach is entirely consistent with Empire’s historical approach to Traditional Owner negotiations since it was one of the first oil and gas companies to apply for petroleum tenements in the McArthur Basin in 2010. Empire respects these Traditional Owner land rights and will continue to work respectfully with Traditional Owners through the Northern Land Council to seek Traditional Owner consents.

Empire has a long and successful track record of negotiating successful standing agreements with Traditional Owners on Aboriginal Land. Since 2010, Empire has conducted 26 On Country meetings with Traditional Owners, the vast majority of whom have been supportive of Empire carrying out exploration activities. Furthermore, Empire was one of the first companies to be awarded an Exploration Permit on Aboriginal Land (EP187).

The process of consultation and negotiation regarding potential Reserved Blocks between Empire, Traditional Owners through the Northern Land Council and the Northern Territory Government is expected to take several months.

The Company will update shareholders as negotiations progress over the coming months.

ABOUT EMPIRE ENERGY GROUP LIMITED

Empire Energy is a conventional oil and natural gas producer with operations in Appalachia (New York and Pennsylvania) and the MidCon (Kansas and Oklahoma).

The Company has over 14.5 million acres in the McArthur & Beetaloo Basins, Northern Territory, both of which are considered highly prospective for large shale oil and gas resources. Work undertaken by the Company since 2010 demonstrates that the Central Trough of the McArthur Basin, of which the Company holds around 80%, is highly prospective, with key similarities to those extending through Oman, Siberia and Southern China and which contain resources of billions of barrels of oil equivalent.

Rogers, Adrian – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:07:04

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Adrian Rogers
Sent	11/05/2021 12:07:04 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Adrian Rogers

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Rogers, Greg – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:49:12

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From	Greg Rogers
Sent	11/05/2021 5:49:12 PM

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Yours sincerely,

greg rogers

Stirling North, South Australia, 5710, Australia

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Rogers, Wayne – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:11:40

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Wayne Rogers
Sent	11/05/2021 12:11:40 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Wayne Rogers

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Rookes, Ken – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 09:01:41

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Ken Rookes
Sent	19/05/2021 9:01:41 AM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I shake with disbelief at the Government's insistence on the continued exploitation of fossil fuels - including gas, at this time of global ecological crisis.

The Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187 is deeply disturbing.

The thought of seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory fills me with horror when I consider the combined environmental impacts. This fracking program is clearly not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants.

The scale of this project is terrible, and beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project should be assessed at the Federal level, plus with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

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Yours sincerely,
Ken Rookes
California Gully, Victoria, 3556, Australia

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Rose, Amanda – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:48:03

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Amanda Rose
Sent	11/05/2021 5:48:03 PM

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Yours sincerely,

amanda rose

Darwin City, Northern Territory, 0800, Australia

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Rose, Deborah – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:49:14

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From	Deborah Rose
Sent	11/05/2021 6:49:14 PM

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Deborah Rose
Fawcetts Plain, New South Wales, 2474, Australia

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Rose, Meredith – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:18:47

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From	Meredith Rose
Sent	11/05/2021 1:18:47 PM

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Meredith Rose

Gellibrand Lower, Victoria, 3237, Australia

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Rosewarne, Joe – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 14:06:59

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Joe Rosewarne
Sent	18/05/2021 2:06:59 PM

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Joe Rosewarne

Braitling, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Rosicky, Debra – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:11:20

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Sent	11/05/2021 2:11:20 PM

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Ross, Estelle – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 08:57:49

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From	Estelle Ross
Sent	12/05/2021 8:57:49 AM

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Estelle Ross

Riverside, Tasmania, 7250, Australia

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Ross, T – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:45:02

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:45:02 PM

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Yours sincerely,

T Ross

Adelaide, South Australia, 5000, Australia

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Rothschild, Deb – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 09:57:13

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From	Deb Rothschild
Sent	12/05/2021 9:57:13 AM

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- The lack of transparency, designed to hide details of well construction and operation, is in breach of the Pepper Inquiry and could lead to unacceptable risks
- Incomplete testing and studies of impacts on groundwater, flora and fauna creates unacceptable risk
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The serious shortcomings of the NT regulatory process to date prove this project should be assessed in full by the Federal government, with the NT government involved in a full EPA.

Yours sincerely,

Deb Rothschild

Wollogorang, New South Wales, 2581, Australia

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Sent	12/05/2021 9:47:26 AM

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Peregian Springs, Queensland, 4573, Australia

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Rowan, M – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:33:55

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Sent	11/05/2021 1:33:55 PM

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M Rowan

Batman, Victoria, 3058, Australia

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Rowden, Jonny – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 15:49:37

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Rozanes, Patricia – Sunday, 16 May 2021 – 16:49:08

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From	Patricia Rozanes
Sent	16/05/2021 4:49:08 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Patricia Rozanes

Woodville Park, South Australia, 5011, Australia

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Rumpus, Marcus – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 22:52:12

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Marcus Rumpus
Sent	11/05/2021 10:52:12 PM

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Marcus Rumpus

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Running, Jane – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 14:40:32

Subject	Are you insane. Stop Fracking Now. Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jane Running
Sent	14/05/2021 2:40:32 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

Fracking has been proven to be a very toxic and invasive way of extracting gas from the ground.

Would YOU DO IT ON YOUR OWN LAND????!!!

NO, I think not.

Your all no better than a heap of pigs with you nose in the trough.

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Who pays for the damage once its it's been done?...

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Jane Running

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Rush, Greg – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:24:52

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From	Greg Rush
Sent	11/05/2021 12:24:52 PM

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Russ, James – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 20:14:27

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From	James Russ
Sent	19/05/2021 8:14:27 PM

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Russell, Ken – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:51:52

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From	Ken Russell
Sent	11/05/2021 12:51:52 PM

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Finally, there is no remaining carbon budget for new gas projects. For the world to have any chance of avoiding a climate disaster, gas, like coal, must be phased out as quickly as is responsibly possible.

Yours sincerely,

Ken Russell

Rothwell, Queensland, 4022, Australia

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Russell, Mark – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 19:47:39

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From	Mark Russell
Sent	19/05/2021 7:47:39 PM

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Russell, Rupert – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:59:14

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From	Rupert Russell
Sent	11/05/2021 4:59:14 PM

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Russell, Sandra – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 10:37:14

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From	Sandra Russell
Sent	12/05/2021 10:37:14 AM

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Russell-Baker, Gail – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:12:15

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Gail Russell-Baker
Sent	11/05/2021 3:12:15 PM

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Rutherford, Sharnee – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 10:02:14

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From	Sharnee Rutherford
Sent	17/05/2021 10:02:14 AM

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Rutledge, Margo – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 11:13:23

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Margo Rutledge
Sent	12/05/2021 11:13:23 AM

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Yours sincerely,
Margo Rutledge
Dorroughby, New South Wales, 2480, Australia

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Ryan, Catherine – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:34:39

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:34:39 PM

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Ryan, Christine – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:30:27

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From	Christine Ryan
Sent	11/05/2021 3:30:27 PM

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Ryan, Janice – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 11:09:09

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From	Janice Ryan
Sent	12/05/2021 11:09:09 AM

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Janice Ryan

Clifton, New South Wales, 2515, Australia

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RYAN-HANCOCK, SHARYN – Monday, 17 May 2021 –
16:52:38

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Sent	17/05/2021 4:52:38 PM

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Sacco, Catherine – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 23:39:29

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Sent	11/05/2021 11:39:29 PM

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Yours sincerely,

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Sagar, Colin – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:44:27

Subject	Objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Colin Sagar
Sent	11/05/2021 6:44:27 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I acknowledge the traditional indigenous owners and custodians of the area involved below.

I hold deep concern and outrage regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

This activity will exacerbate emissions of climate change inducing pollutants such as methane and CO2 and is utterly unnecessary to our energy future.

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Yours sincerely,

colin sagar

Wadbilliga, New South Wales, 2546, Australia

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Salmon, John – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:45:07

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From	John Salmon
Sent	11/05/2021 12:45:07 PM

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Yours sincerely,
john salmon
Wodonga, Victoria, 3690, Australia

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Samarawickrama, Asitha – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 11:59:31

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Asitha Samarawickrama
Sent	11/05/2021 11:59:31 AM

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Asitha Samarawickrama

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Saphin, Wendy – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 09:18:50

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Wendy Saphin
Sent	13/05/2021 9:18:50 AM

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Saraswati, Mauna – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:08:17

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Mauna Saraswati
Sent	11/05/2021 1:08:17 PM

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Saulwick, Nina – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 14:35:08

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Nina Saulwick
Sent	14/05/2021 2:35:08 PM

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Nina Saulwick

Kew, Victoria, 3101, Australia

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Saunders, Jocelyn – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:00:59

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From	Jocelyn Saunders
Sent	11/05/2021 12:00:59 PM

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jocelyn saunders

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Saunders, Julie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:54:47

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From	Julie Saunders
Sent	11/05/2021 1:54:47 PM

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Sauvere, Francoise – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:16:21

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Best regards,

Graeme Sawyer
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Summary

The Imperial Oil and Gas EMP proposal must be rejected as it is flawed on many grounds. The implications of the clear risks created by this proposal need to be identified and acted upon through a full Environmental Impact Assessment. There is precedent for this: In NSW, five wells would trigger an Environmental Impact Assessment process. The seven wells proposed create major risks and many of these are increased by amalgamation of impacts from multiple issues. The EMP is a clear example of the Exploration creep problem outlined in the Pepper Inquiry report on page 414.

The proposal must be referred for full environmental impact assessment under section 50 of the Environmental Protection act for analysis by the EPA.

The processes outlined in the EMP will put at risk a number of key aspects of the area, including the underground water systems, and poses significant risks which are amalgamated by the proposed multiple wells and pipelines. This includes concentrating chemicals and pollutants which could impact on stygofauna and drinking water in the region.

The EMP clearly breaches the principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD), which are the guiding principles of the NTG policy in relation to such developments.

There are many instances where the EMP glosses over serious issues and it cannot be seen as "fair dinkum". It is the core responsibility of the NT government to regulate this industry and to make sure the issues are dealt with properly and with appropriate risk analysis in light of the SREBA water research and the information from other similar fracking processes that have come to light since 2018 when the Pepper Inquiry ceased its investigations. The Government's role is to regulate not facilitate this industry and it is imperative that a thorough investigation is made into the water and chemical implications.

Water Risks

The release of the preliminary water study elements of the SREBA provide evidence that stygofauna are present in the Cambrian Limestone Aquifer in the Beetaloo Basin including the Gum Ridge Formation¹.

The stygofauna present in the Gum Ridge Aquifer and the Cambrian Limestone system require a much more detailed analysis before any processes that might impact on their population are undertaken.

Further, the eDNA analysis of the prawn species *Parisia unguis* shows the systems are highly connected and pollutants can move over a significant distance.

The presence of this species, ranging across a geographic distance of ~300 km, and the low genetic divergence (maximum 3.9% in COI and 3.29% in 16s RNA gene) among specimens indicate groundwater connectivity in recent times².

This EMP risks making unacceptable impacts on the Gum Ridge Aquifer through the loss of drilling fluids during drilling, spills, and well failures. Drilling fluids contain a number of toxic chemicals, including biocides that are not authorised for release into water systems.

The evidence from Table 6 - Waste management, from Appendix 6, page 15 of the Imperial EMP shows clearly that the drilling fluids they are proposing to use will contain biocides and these fluids will be treated with drilling chemicals to increase their use and avoid bacteria. These fluids will enter the environment outside the casings of the well system.

Imperial's proposal to drill and frack six wells must not be allowed to proceed as some of the drilling fluids are "lost" into the underground water systems during the drilling process.

As an example, the Well Completion Report (WCR) drilling log file for Tanumbirini ³ showed approximately **21 million litres** of these fluids were lost in the first 400 metres of the drilling process. It is completely unacceptable to allow these chemicals into aquifers where stygofauna live and people draw drinking water. Drilling 6 wells in a concentrated area could put **126 million litres** of pollutants into the local aquifers.

¹ Gavin Rees, Stefanie Oberprieler, Daryl Nielsen, Garth Watson, Michael Shackleton and Jenny Davis, (2020) Characterisation of the stygofauna and microbial assemblages of the Beetaloo Sub-basin, Northern Territory. GISERA project number: W18. December 2020

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³ <https://geoscience.nt.gov.au/gemis/ntgsjspui/handle/1/83784>

Biocides are very toxic chemicals to aquatic organisms. They carry warnings such as: extremely toxic to aquatic organisms, has long lasting impacts⁴. They must not be allowed to escape into ecosystems containing the newly discovered and as yet largely undescribed stygofauna.

There is no specific testing data to show just how toxic these chemicals would be to stygofauna, which is part of the reason the precautionary principle must be invoked to stop this process. Stygofauna are known to be very sensitive to chemicals and disturbance. It is probable that these chemicals will cause changes in the stygofauna assemblages and disrupt their ecosystem service function. Lethal Concentration studies must be done to clarify risks to stygofauna.

The EMP must be delayed until the research is completed and the toxicity of biocides to stygofauna is clarified. The research into these species and their functional importance in keeping water usable for human consumption and potentially stock watering must be further investigated before any activity is undertaken.

Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDE)

On Page 11, the EMP simplifies and plays down the risk of the proposal to Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems. (GDE) It is clear that GDEs are present and that they contain very extensive stygofauna assemblages which perform ecosystem services such as water purification.

The EMP does not mention stygofauna and needs to be redone to address this shortcoming.

Well Operations Management Plan (WOMP)

Many of the essential details of how the wells will work are hidden within the Well Operations Management Plan (WOMP), which is not publicly accessible, supposedly due to containing commercially confidential information. This lack of public availability of details of well operation is in clear breach of the Pepper Inquiry recommendations, and is part of a proposal-wide strategy to remove critical information from public scrutiny.

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These are also the shallowest wells yet to be fracked in the NT, one at just 1095 metres down. **This means that there is less distance between the fracking layer and the groundwater layer.** The WOMP or the details relevant to the EMP process must be made available for public comment.

⁴ *Environ. Sci. Technol.* 2015, 49, 1, 16–32 Publication Date: November 26, 2014
<https://doi.org/10.1021/es503724k>

Corrosion Overview

The preliminary water study (Rees et al⁵) confirms that sulphate-reducing bacteria (SRB) are present in the basin and colonising casings in water bores. The risks that these bacteria pose to the integrity of wells have very significant implications for the future and this needs to be factored into decision making.

It is the clear responsibility of the NT government to regulate these risks. The stated policy that decisions in relation to petroleum and gas development will be guided by the principles of Ecologically Sustainable development (ESD) make it vitally important that the longer term view is taken with regards to this and other fracking proposals in the NT. It is possible that the fracking companies will be gone from the region and the responsibility for managing the outcomes of this corrosion, if that is even possible, will fall on future NT governments and the consequences will be suffered by future generations of Territorians. The evidence from the Marcellus shale in the US shows that the problems with leaks keep growing with time and massive remediation costs are thrown back onto governments and communities.

This clearly needs to be a part of the final risk assessment mentioned in the Pepper Inquiry's recommendation 4.6. There is a massive risk of future problems created by well failures. These problems seem to be unavoidable if the wells are proceeded with. This is a clear breach of ESD principles as it creates significant problems for future generations.

Sulfate-reducing bacteria and sulphur-oxidizing bacteria (SOB) are in the Beetaloo⁶ and are a massive risk to the long term viability of wells. These bacteria instigate corrosion processes that impact on concrete and steel structures. Microbially induced concrete corrosion (MICC) caused by sulphuric acid attack is a major problem with concrete.

The Oil and Gas Industry can only control sulfate reducing bacteria (SRB) with biocides when it is on the inside of a well. The environment where SRB are present (mainly damp soil with organic material present or other bacteria which can provide a food source/or aquifers) is a natural control system until punctured by an oil and gas well. This gas or oil well, if cement coated, gives the SRB food and their numbers grow as the natural control (availability of food) is no longer constrained. As SRB "eat" the sulphates in the cement they exhaust Hydrogen Sulphate (rotten egg gas), which in the presence of water turns to acid, initiating the whole cycle starts again.

How long a well's external surface will withstand the corrosive effects of this acid before it is broken down enough to allow cross contamination of the aquifers, depends greatly upon the number of bacteria present, but we can be absolutely confident that this cross contamination will eventually occur.

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Reports show this corrosion is already a problem in QLD coal seam gas projects⁷. Saltel Industries was approached in 2016 by one of Australia's leading natural gas producers to tailor a solution for their unusual problem: in some of their CSG wells in Queensland, the 7-inch production casing must cope with severe and localised external corrosion developing at shallow depth. These corrosion cases are suspected to be caused by bacteria growing under specific pressure and temperature environments.

Microbiologically-influenced corrosion seems to be systemic in the region, and other operators might encounter similar issues in their CSG wells. There needs to be further study of this issue in the SREBA before these wells are allowed to proceed⁸.

This information confirms that corrosion is an issue in the CSG areas of QLD and validates fears that the same process will cause wells to eventually fail in the NT, releasing injected chemicals and related material, back into the fractured rock layers, where they may mix with the hypersaline waters of the Moroak Aquifer before finding their way into surface waterways. This includes the Limmen National park waterways, the McArthur River and other flows out of the catchments in the area both above and underground.

The problem of well casing corrosion is extensive in the USA⁹. A root cause analysis of the 2015 Aliso Canyon blowout determined that surface corrosion on the outside of well casing caused by prolonged contact with groundwater and microbes, most likely methanogenic Archaea, was the underlying cause of the corrosion.

There are many examples of corrosion problems affecting infrastructure in the NT. In 1998 the Adelaide River Bridge partially collapsed due to the impact of corrosive bacteria¹⁰.

The effect of corrosive water on cementing and casing in the NT is demonstrated by deep oil exploration wells (McDills and Dakota) drilled in the Perdika/Great Artesian Basin in the 1960s (the Perdika Basin is one of the prospective unconventional shale gas areas of the NT). Now, some fifty years later, the steel casing has almost entirely corroded away, resulting in inter-aquifer contamination. These wells required expensive rehabilitation work to stem artesian flow. A single bore cost the Territory and Commonwealth Governments \$500,000 to plug (1960s prices), as the company responsible for the well was insolvent.

This example highlights the issue of operator insolvency due to the boom and bust cycles of oil and gas development which complicates efforts to hold liable parties responsible and provide for timely remediation.

⁷ <https://www.einpresswire.com/article/480473562/xpandable-patches-to-extend-the-life-of-corroded-csg-wells-in-queensland-australia>

⁸ Personal correspondence, Charles Albouy, Saltel Industries

⁹ Concerned Health Professionals of New York, & Physicians for Social Responsibility. (2020, December). Compendium of scientific, medical, and media findings demonstrating risks and harms of fracking (unconventional gas and oil extraction) (7th ed.). <http://concernedhealthny.org/compendium/>

¹⁰ NT News August 27th 1998

The hypersaline nature of the deep aquifers and the high temperature further raises concerns about the integrity of the wells with both deep corrosion risks and closer to surface risks. There is a major concern among stakeholders that integrity failure will connect the hypersaline deep aquifers like the Moroak to beneficial fresh water systems like the Gum Ridge aquifer. This poses a massive risk to the human and animal use of the region in the medium and long term and is clearly a breach of ESD principle of intergenerational equity.

The future risks imposed on Territorians and other economic sectors are completely inappropriate and are a clear breach of the EPBC act provisions relating to ESD and the precautionary principle. The Samuels report¹¹ clearly articulates the failures of jurisdictions such as the NT to enforce the EPBC act and its embedded principles. The NT Government espouses the ESD principles as the guiding principles in its decision making in relation to the processes around fracking yet it does not appear to be implementing these principles. The principles must be applied to the review of this EMP.

Chemical Use

Imperial's EMP must be rejected because its chemical use information is clearly inadequate. Firstly, Imperial's submission does not even provide an analysis of the chemicals to be used by the project as stated on page 2, just a general review of some.. This is woefully inadequate and the EMP needs to be updated with a real analysis. **This is a clear case of a small player cutting corners to suit their timeframes and not doing the process properly.**

The NTG must provide strong regulation on this issue as there are very significant implications and long term risks to the water systems that underpin human occupation and businesses across the region as well as environmental risk.

The analysis is also severely flawed in that it does not detail the chemicals to be actually used and makes statements like "commonly found in food and household domestic products". **This is industry propaganda and marketing spin and has no place in a technical EMP type document.** This is also irrelevant, even if it was true. Many household chemicals are poisons or have severe environmental impacts if misused.

Chemicals in fracking processes have been related to a range of environmental and health concerns and the EMP seems to gloss over these issues and what appears to be relevant information. As an example, the EMP does not show concern about 1-4 Dioxane. 1-4 Dioxane is listed in the 7th Compendium of Scientific, Medical, and Media Findings Demonstrating Risks and Harms of Fracking as a carcinogen¹²:

¹¹ Samuel, G 2020, Independent Review of the EPBC Act—Interim Report, Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, Canberra.

¹² Lester, Y., Ferrer, I., Thurman, E. M., Sitterley, K. A., Korak, J. A., Aiken, G., & Linden, K. G. (2015). Characterization of hydraulic fracturing flowback water in Colorado: Implications for water treatment. *Science of the Total Environment*, 512-513, 637-644. doi: 10.1016/j.scitotenv.2015.01.043

Most notable is the constituent 1,4-dioxane, a previously discovered PW component that is associated with human cancer and has been shown to be challenging to remove from the waste-stream.

Ethylene Glycol is listed as a chemical known to the State of California to cause birth defects or other reproductive harm. In animal studies it is consistently associated with adverse effects on the kidney such as crystal nephropathy.

Ulexite is known to be toxic to reproduction and may impair fertility and cause harm to the unborn child. These chemicals are dismissed as low concern yet there would appear to be much more risk than indicated, especially given the aquifers are sources of drinking water and agricultural water.

Biocides are a major risk to aquatic species, but there is no concern shown in the chemical analysis. There are many chemicals listed with high aquatic toxicity which means they have significant implications for stygofauna and the water systems from the Beetaloo through to Katherine, Roper and Flora rivers. It is vitally important that the NTG does its checking regarding these chemicals as the impacts on water, human and animal health are of great significance. If these chemicals turn up in agriculture or horticulture water supplies, they could greatly disrupt these industries.

There are many chemicals listed which carry significant warnings and are not analysed in a manner providing any confidence that they will not be a problem. The Marcellus shale area in the US has massive problems with chemicals in water and the 7th Compendium (2020)¹³ and the Pennsylvania state Grand Jury give some insight into these problems. Chemicals like endocrine disruptors, surfactants and biocides are major risks and need much more detailed and careful analysis. It is the responsibility of the NT government to make sure this analysis is done thoroughly to identify human health risks and environmental risks.

Risk Assessment

The inadequacy of the EMP is further evidenced by the reliance on Desktop Surveys to gather data for risk assessments given that **it is made clear in the Pepper Inquiry that the region can only be described as data deficient which means the desktop analysis is of little or no value for informing a risk assessment.** The SREBA research needs to be available to inform consultation and decision making before such a decision is made. **This expansion proposal must be delayed until these deficiencies are addressed.**

The Pepper Inquiry specifically mentions the issue of exploration creep on page 414:

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"This is known as 'exploration creep'. Put another way, there is a real concern that the risks attendant with production could be realised if exploration is sufficiently intensive"¹⁴.

This EMP clearly needs an EIS to address the combined impacts and also to resolve the increased broader risk aspects raised by the stygofauna research and the Geological and environmental baseline assessment of the GBA region stage 2 and related Water Studies¹⁵.

The whole point of recommendation 4.6, to conduct the research currently lacking on the region and then use that information for a final risk assessment must be implemented. The EMP cannot be approved before that happens.

Emissions Policy Consistency

There are also issues with the carbon emissions and methane leakage that are completely inappropriate in the context of efforts to get climate change atmospheric gases under control. Page 75 of the EMP indicates that the proposed activities will be carried out over three years, and that the GHG emissions are approximately 77,500 tCO₂-e per year. Flaring and related activities are not appropriate from a new fossil fuel source when the IPCC is calling for no new fossil fuel deposits to be opened. There is also no information about how these will be offset and how they are compatible with the NT government's progress towards 2050 emissions targets.

The NT has already suffered significant impacts from climate change related events, including massive mangrove die-back, failed wet seasons in the Barkly region, dying trees south west of Katherine and temperature changes, to name but a few. We must move to reduce the risks of these events becoming more frequent and worse in extent.

Biodiversity Risks

The Protect Country Alliance has strong concerns regarding Imperial's plans to store wastewater fluid and toxic chemical flowback fluid in open air waste ponds. This practice directly contradicts recommendation 7.12 of the Pepper Inquiry and presents significant risks to biodiversity in the region.

First and foremost, the area concerned can only be described as data deficient in relation to biodiversity and environmental information and these inadequacies in knowledge fundamentally challenge the conclusions in the EMP. Simply conducting a desktop audit of biodiversity within the area and then assuming that there are no concerns does not reflect the data deficient basis of the systems used. This lack of information about the region's

¹⁴ Dr Alan Andersen, Dr Vaughan Beck AM, Prof Brian Priestly, Dr David Ritchie, Dr Ross Smith, Prof Peta Ashworth, Prof Barry Hart AM, Dr David Jones (2018). Final Report of the Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory.

¹⁵ Geological and environmental baseline assessment for the Beetaloo GBA region Geological and Bioregional Assessment: Stage 2 2020, A scientific collaboration between the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment, Bureau of Meteorology, CSIRO and Geoscience Australia

biodiversity holds for both land and water ecosystems throughout the region and was highlighted in the Pepper Inquiry.

It is vitally important that work be done to provide guidance around these many issues. In situations where knowledge is uncertain **the Precautionary Principle underlying our environmental legislation requires a very cautious approach.**

If companies are wishing to exploit non-renewable resources in the area, they have a responsibility to do the work required to ensure that environmental risks are 'acceptable'. Decisions based on such limited and flawed data are unacceptable and a range of on-ground work needs to be undertaken to improve the knowledge base upon which to evaluate decisions.

Open air wastewater tanks pose unacceptable risks to biodiversity

Open water storages should be not allowed in line with recommendation 7.12 of the Pepper Inquiry. To allow these pits to be constructed will lead to dramatic and unacceptable changes in biodiversity and create enormous risks that would not be present if enclosed tanks were used.

The work done on the birdlife assessment is inadequate. **Data deficient systems cannot be relied upon for desktop surveys.** This is especially the case where endangered species are concerned, as they are in low numbers anyway. Gouldian finches, grey falcons and crested shrike tits have all been reported in the region in recent times by bird watching groups. It is simply not good enough to rely on desktop and related techniques when dealing with an area where the Pepper Inquiry specifically said more research needed to be done to inform decision making.

The EMP shows a clear disregard for these processes with dismissal of the information. For instance, with regards to the grey falcon, the EMP claims the majority of records are from the Southern NT. This is irrelevant. The bird species is across the NT and some of the most popular sighting venues for bird watchers are the towers across the Carpentaria Highway.



See the image provided of grey falcons on a tower beside the Carpentaria highway.

The evaporation process means concentrations of chemicals and other pollutants will be increased in the open air ponds. It is impossible to prevent birds from accessing these toxic open air ponds. We do not want to discover that bird species are in the area when their dead bodies are found in an evaporation pond.

Anecdotal evidence from ongoing discussions with land holders and traditional owners in the proposed drilling area highlights the impact that a record breaking hot and dry season has had on local water and wildlife. Birds and other

wildlife are relying on limited water. If activities were to introduce bodies of open water in the area through open storage ponds, these would undoubtedly receive significant visitation from thirsty wildlife. This could poison wildlife and spread contamination.

Birds, especially honeyeaters and other species, dip bathe and drink on the wing. They would also be able to land on the slope of the liner covered banks. Most bird taxa have a gland at the base of the tail, the uropygial or preen gland. The oil it produces keeps the feathers flexible and assists the interlocking barbules to stay intact, thus forming a barrier that helps repel water and insulate the bird. In the case of waterbirds, preening oil helps them stay afloat, and without it birds may even drown.

Chemicals like surfactants can alter the efficacy of waterproofing elements in their feathers, rendering them flightless and vulnerable to predation. Birds may also die because surfactants reduce the ability of feathers to act as insulation in cold weather, and have been used in the USA to control populations of pest species (Lustick, 1976). Clearly the open water systems need to be effectively netted with small enough mesh to exclude small honeyeaters and finches.

The claim has been made that surfactants are “no more toxic than common household substances”, and are “commonly found in everyday products, from toothpaste to laxatives to detergent to ice cream” (University of Colorado, 2014). However, surfactants can be deadly for birds and frogs. This complete lack of concern for biodiversity is unacceptable especially given the biodiversity crisis highlighted by the Paris Accord of 2019.

Amphibians

The fencing around freshwater storages and all other water needs to be frog proof, and not just have wildlife ladders installed. Native burrowing frogs are likely to try to access standing water. This highlights one of the risks relating to holding polluted water in open evaporation ponds in that it is likely to attract native species who cannot detect the pollutants. This includes elements like surfactants which are not a human health issue but a massive issue for many non-human species, especially amphibians.

Low walled water storage areas, even if pumped dry, will have residues, and when rains come they will attract frog species.

There are many unknowns about this region's biodiversity. This is especially the case with endemic frogs. There is a need to determine the range of the water-holding frog *Litoria platycephala* and to determine whether the species in the McArthur/ Beetaloo area is in fact a different species.

Plastic lined pits can be death traps for many species of native frogs that do not have toe pads. Plastic pits have been used as traps for some frog species. The risk includes many of the burrowing frog fauna in the Beetaloo region. These species are likely to move to standing water bodies to breed. The pits should not be allowed, but if they are they need to be carefully designed. This elevated risk includes the period over the wet season where the pits may be emptied to avoid them overflowing. They will still collect water and become frog breeding sites, especially for burrowing frogs. Any residues remaining will cause problems. Surfactants are highly toxic to native frog tadpoles at very low concentrations.

The cane toad *Rhinella marina* is a major threat to a number of animal species, with population level declines documented (Doody 2004, 2006, 2009)¹⁶. Allowing open water storage pits will dramatically increase cane toad numbers in the region with broad biodiversity implications.

Doody (2009) concludes, " We observed population-level declines in Australian predatory lizards caused by the arrival of an invasive species, *Bufo marinus*, at two sites along the Daly River. In contrast, there were no significant declines in populations of *Crocodylus johnstoni*. *Amphibolurus gilberti* populations increased substantially, presumably due to the losses in *Varanus panoptes*, a known predator of this species. These findings indicate that the invasion of *B. marinus* into this ecosystem caused a structural change in the lizard community. Changes in the abundance and community structure of these top predators may alter species interactions, in particular patterns of predation and competition, and the energy

¹⁶ JS Doody, B Green, R Sims, D Rhind, P West, D Steer (2006). Indirect impacts of invasive cane toads (*Bufo marinus*) on nest predation in pig-nosed turtles (*Carettochelys insculpta*). *Wildlife Research*. J. S. Doody B. Green D. Rhind C. M. Castellano R. Sims T. Robinson (2009). Population-level declines in Australian predators caused by an invasive species. *Animal Conservation* Volume12, Issue 1.

dynamics of the ecosystem. Recovery from low numbers, and possibly local extinction, may depend on the control of *Bufo marinus*, and/or the recolonization from individuals from the surrounding landscape"¹⁷.

Further personal communication with the author indicates follow up surveys showed some species, like *Varanus panoptes* and *Varanus mitchelli*, are no longer present at the survey sites. Follow up work in the Kimberleys reinforced the initial findings from the NT and indicated a broader range of varanid species were impacted.

Many areas of the NT were originally thought to be too dry for cane toads to colonise but this has been shown to be incorrect. The main reason toads have been able to colonise large areas of semi-arid and arid NT is because of the use of open water storage in the cattle industry. The creation of such spaces for water and wastewater storage will enable cane toads to seek refuge and breed in the area. The local cane toad population would be massively increased if open water pits were introduced.

This is particularly destructive of varanid populations and other reptile species. Introducing standing water bodies into an area will not only cause the cane toad population to increase, but will result in cane toads breeding at the sites. This introduces a size class of cane toads into the area that would not be occurring without the water pits, which in turn causes dramatic declines and even local extinctions of smaller Varanid species and the juvenile stages of the larger Varanid species such as *V.panoptes*, *V.gouldii* and *V.mertensii*.

Species that will be impacted negatively are likely to include:

<i>Varanus acanthurus</i>	Ridge-tailed Monitor
<i>Varanus baritji</i>	Black-spotted Ridge-tailed Monitor
<i>Varanus mertensi</i>	Merten's Water Monitor
<i>Varanus mitchelli</i>	Mitchell's Water Monitor

¹⁷ J. S. Doody B. Green D. Rhind C. M. Castellano R. Sims T. Robinson (2009). Population-level declines in Australian predators caused by an invasive species. *Animal Conservation* Volume12, Issue 1.

Varanus scalaris	Spotted Tree Monitor
Varanus tristis	Black-tailed Monitor
Tiliqua scincoides	Common Blue-Tongued Lizard or potentially Centralian Bluetongue.
Varanus panoptes	Yellow Spotted Monitor
Varanus gouldii	Sand Monitor

There is also research indicating impacts on smaller lizard species due to large toad populations. In a two-year study in the Roper River region of the Northern Territory, Catling et al. (1999)¹⁸ found that high cane toad densities were associated with a significant reduction in the abundance of small lizards, possibly caused by reducing their invertebrate food supply. Like so many of these aspects of the local environment, there is a deficiency of data that should be addressed before any such changes are created in the local environment.

There are additional issues with the use of chemicals, and this puts the wastewater elements of this plan in a particularly high risk category. Surfactants and many other chemicals are especially toxic for frogs and have implications for other species such as birds. Even if the pits are emptied, there will be residues from waste water present which will most certainly impact wildlife.

Waste disposal

The issues around waste disposal are not made clear and require clarification. The use of evaporation tanks mean that the concentrations of chemicals and levels of radioactivity and other factors will be increased. The ways these issues will be scaled with the development of seven wells greatly increases the risk and needs to be studied in an EIS. It is likely that NORMS from one well will be relatively low but concentrated fluids from seven wells would greatly increase the risks of concentrations of chemicals requiring different treatment processes.

¹⁸ Catling, P.C., Hertog, A., Burt, R.J., Wombey, J.C., and Forrester, R.I. (1999). The short-term effect of cane toads (*Bufo marinus*) on native fauna in the Gulf Country of the Northern Territory. *Wildlife Research* **26**:161-185.

Social licence

The indigenous groups across the region keep repeating that they do not want fracking on their land and are concerned about the risks to water and their sacred sites¹⁹.

Aboriginal people are expressing serious concerns:

There is a lot of concern amongst Indigenous representatives across the region and the potential impacts of fracking on their culture and the local environment. Inadequate consultation with Aboriginal people from the region impacted is one core aspect of this breach²⁰. Many people express that they do not feel there has been a genuine informed discussion with them in relation to these matters. Aboriginal people in the area are indicating they do not believe they signed any consent for this exploration and there is a likelihood this will progress to court proceedings if the traditional owners are not properly consulted and respected.

Legal action against Glencore over the McArthur River Mine's issues is a relevant recent example. Much of the interference with water systems is seen as impacting on sacred sites and the related ability to enjoy the land. The mining corporation's evident disregard for indigenous views echoes the way of doing business and approaches to consultation that led to the Juukan Gorge catastrophe in WA. The EMP should not be approved until these issues are resolved.

The Pepper Inquiry heard that efforts to regulate fracking tend not to take into account the integrated nature of ecosystems and thereby conflict with Aboriginal people's responsibilities for Country, breach ESD principles, and pose risks to the physical and mental health of impacted communities. A clear example of this is the way that no-go zones and related exclusion principles do not take into account the catchment and feeder areas of springs and other groundwater dependent ecosystems, ignoring the integrated nature of the local environment and again breaching ESD principles.

Aboriginal people have a very sophisticated knowledge of water systems. Throughout consultations during the Fracking Inquiry and beyond, evidence has been put forth that fracking and the risks to water, including the volume, flows and quality posed by the fracking process are unacceptable. Local aboriginal communities frequently voice concerns and distress regarding the risks fracking poses to water and the ecosystems that depend on it. There is no social licence for these activities.

¹⁹ <https://www.abc.net.au/radio/adelaide/programs/worldtoday/traditional-owners-fear-gas-fracking-threat-to-traditional-sites/13344778>

²⁰ <https://www.thesaturdaypaper.com.au/news/politics/2020/12/19/fracking-country-the-nt/160829640010913>

Scales, Milyika – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 14:50:27

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
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Sent	19/05/2021 2:50:27 PM

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Schad, Thomas – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 17:18:42

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Schaffer, Darcy – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:09:43

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From	Darcy Schaffer
Sent	11/05/2021 12:09:43 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Walter Schellenberg

Darawank, New South Wales, 2428, Australia

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Schilling, John – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:00:20

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From	John Schilling
Sent	11/05/2021 1:00:20 PM

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Schmelzle, Lily – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 11:33:48

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Lily Schmelzle
Sent	12/05/2021 11:33:48 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Lily Schmelzle

Suffolk Park, New South Wales, 2481, Australia

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Schmidt, Gypsy – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 14:30:53

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From	Gypsy Schmidt
Sent	19/05/2021 2:30:53 PM

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Gypsy Schmidt

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Schmidt, Joe – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:03:31

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From	Joe Schmidt
Sent	11/05/2021 12:03:31 PM

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Joe Schmidt

Emungalan, Northern Territory, 0850, Australia

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Schmidt, Tara – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 08:05:59

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Tara Schmidt
Sent	18/05/2021 8:05:59 AM

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Rapid Creek, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Schneider, Annette – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 09:45:13

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From	Annette Schneider
Sent	19/05/2021 9:45:13 AM

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Annette Schneider

New South Wales, 2620, Australia

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Schneider, Judy – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:17:12

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From	Judy Schneider
Sent	11/05/2021 3:17:12 PM

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Judy Schneider

Croydon, New South Wales, 2132, Australia

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Scholes, Jill – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 10:48:31

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From	Jill Scholes
Sent	14/05/2021 10:48:31 AM

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Jill Scholes

Sherwood, New South Wales, 2450, Australia

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Schultz, Kristy – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 19:24:17

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Kristy Schultz
Sent	17/05/2021 7:24:17 PM

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Kristy Schultz

Marrara, Northern Territory, 0812, Australia

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Scotland, David – Saturday, 15 May 2021 – 19:31:09

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	David Scotland
Sent	15/05/2021 7:31:09 PM

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David Scotland

Moulden, Northern Territory, 0830, Australia

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Scott, Fiona – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:38:31

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From	Fiona Scott
Sent	11/05/2021 1:38:31 PM

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Scott, Lynette – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 08:47:37

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Lynette Scott
Sent	18/05/2021 8:47:37 AM

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Scott, Terri – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:45:27

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From	Terri Scott
Sent	11/05/2021 3:45:27 PM

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Adamstown, New South Wales, 2289, Australia

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Scrivener, Michael – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 06:44:13

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From	Michael Scrivener
Sent	13/05/2021 6:44:13 AM

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Booyong, New South Wales, 2480, Australia

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Dual submission

Subject	DENR - Consultation Form - 1005508
From	Michael Scrivener
Sent	13/05/2021 8:05:39 AM

Contact details

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Email address: *****

Country: Australia

Postcode: 2480

Phone number: (02)66888375

Stakeholder type:

Feedback

Activity you are providing feedback on: Imperial Oil & Gas Pty Ltd ***** EP187 Work Program Environment Management Plan

Category type: Flora and fauna, Water, Climate change, Human health, Regulation and compliance, Well integrity

If other, please specify::

Comments: To Whom it may Concern, Why do you think that a short term desperate grab for fossil fuels is a good idea? When we all know that by the time it's finished it may leave permanent environmental damage, and we will then still have to develop alternative energy options. Are we happy to vandalise one of the most interesting areas of this beautiful and fascinating country for short term monetary gains? Maybe we should take a long hard look at the insanity that politicians call "Modern Economic Theory"?

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Scrutton, John – Sunday, 16 May 2021 – 11:34:31

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From	John Scrutton
Sent	16/05/2021 11:34:31 AM

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john scrutton

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Scully, Janeen – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 15:14:06

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Janeen Scully
Sent	17/05/2021 3:14:06 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Janeen Scully
Tullymorgan, New South Wales, 2463, Australia

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Seddon, Alexandra – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 17:34:47

Subject	I object strongly to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Alexandra Seddon
Sent	12/05/2021 5:34:47 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Alexandra Seddon

Lochiel, New South Wales, 2549, Australia

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Seiffert, Marjorie – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 17:17:31

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Marjorie Seiffert
Sent	18/05/2021 5:17:31 PM

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Marjorie Seiffert

Ivanhoe, Victoria, 3079, Australia

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Seiler, Anne – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:38:21

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From	Anne Seiler
Sent	11/05/2021 12:38:21 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Anne Seiler

Craigie, Western Australia, 6025, Australia

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Seiler, Deborah – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 09:59:36

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From	Deborah Seiler
Sent	12/05/2021 9:59:36 AM

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Deborah Seiler

Kallaroo, Western Australia, 6025, Australia

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Sengodan, Prashanth – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 13:41:02

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Prashanth Sengodan
Sent	19/05/2021 1:41:02 PM

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Sermon, Amanda – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:53:58

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From	Amanda Sermon
Sent	11/05/2021 12:53:58 PM

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Western Australia, 6450, Australia

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Setchell, Jay – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 19:48:32

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Sent	19/05/2021 7:48:32 PM

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Jaylene Setchell

Darwin DC, Northern Territory, 0820, Australia

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Settecasse, Sharon – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 21:22:49

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Sharon Settecasse
Sent	19/05/2021 9:22:49 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am writing to you because I believe in a strong connection to country, a recognition of the traditional custodians of this land, a strong economy and a bright future for our children and their children. I also the health and safety of our citizens. The proposed plan by Empire Energy would put the things that I and many people value, in absolute jeopardy.

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Yours sincerely,

Sharon Settecasse

Clifton, New South Wales, 2515, Australia

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Sevenoaks, Deni – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:49:04

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Deni Sevenoaks
Sent	11/05/2021 12:49:04 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

Please do not approve this application. Our country cannot afford to destroy more water sources, land and environment and animals, for the short-term gain of a very few stakeholders. Surely you will see that, surely you must start thinking generations ahead and not a few years. Surely you have at your fingertips all the information to tell you what a terrible idea this, and many other mines and wells are.

The specifics of my supplication to you are as follows.

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Sévilla, Caroline – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:30:29

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Caroline Sevilla
Sent	11/05/2021 6:30:29 PM

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Sexton, Julie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:19:57

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Julie Sexton
Sent	11/05/2021 1:19:57 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Julie Sexton

Nowra DC, New South Wales, 2541, Australia

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Sharp, Carolyn – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 12:29:44

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From	Carolyn Sharp
Sent	13/05/2021 12:29:44 PM

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Sharp, Criss – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:48:07

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:48:07 PM

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Bucketty, New South Wales, 2250, Australia

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Sharp, Merinda – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 14:48:45

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Sent	12/05/2021 2:48:45 PM

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Merinda Sharp

Girraween, Northern Territory, 0836, Australia

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Shaw, Craig – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:51:43

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Sent	11/05/2021 1:51:43 PM

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Sheedy, Judy – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:05:03

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From	Judy Sheedy
Sent	11/05/2021 12:05:03 PM

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Sheehan, Ocha – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:31:45

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From	Ocha Sheehan
Sent	11/05/2021 7:31:45 PM

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Ocha Sheehan

Umina Beach, New South Wales, 2257, Australia

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Sheerin, Karen – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 23:45:32

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From	Karen Sheerin
Sent	19/05/2021 11:45:32 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Karen Sheerin

Anderson, Victoria, 3995, Australia

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Sheppard, Bryan – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 06:09:10

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From	Bryan Sheppard
Sent	13/05/2021 6:09:10 AM

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Sheppard, Jasmyn – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 22:32:01

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From	Jasmyn Sheppard
Sent	19/05/2021 10:32:01 PM

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Sheridan, Rachael – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 06:42:10

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From	Rachael Sheridan
Sent	12/05/2021 6:42:10 AM

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The Northern Territory was my home for 2 years. It is a beautiful state, and worth protecting from environmental destruction by fracking. There are many people who live in this part of the world who are not in positions to argue to protect their land and way of life. I urge you not to ignore the danger this fracking project will result in for the NT environment and its people.

Yours sincerely,

Rachael Sheridan

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Sherman, Gary – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:13:46

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From	Gary Sherman
Sent	11/05/2021 2:13:46 PM

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Sherwood, Lynette – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:44:45

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From	Lynette Sherwood
Sent	11/05/2021 1:44:45 PM

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P.S. CSG is still fossil fuel and carries all

the negatives of continued usage, regardless of what it is called.

Yours sincerely,

Lynette Sherwood

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Shield, Nicholas – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:53:27

Subject	Strong objection to Imperialk 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Nicholas Shield
Sent	11/05/2021 5:53:27 PM

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This is a waste of public money, a danger to underground water and an environmental mess will be created, for what?

Yours sincerely,

Nicholas Shield

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Shields, Jessica – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 09:44:52

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From	Jessica Shields
Sent	12/05/2021 9:44:52 AM

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Yours sincerely,
Jessica Shields
Maroochydore, Queensland, 4558, Australia

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Shields, John – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 22:11:00

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From	John Shields
Sent	11/05/2021 10:11:00 PM

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John shields

Mornington, Victoria, 3931, Australia

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Shields, Murray – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:12:57

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From	Murray Shields
Sent	11/05/2021 3:12:57 PM

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Lysterfield South, Victoria, 3156, Australia

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Shields, Richard – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:07:04

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From	Richard Shields
Sent	11/05/2021 12:07:04 PM

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Ask yourself this question. Would you allow an unqualified DR to operate on your body? Because that is what you will be doing if you allow companies that have ZERO experience in Fracking!

Fracking is just like a Get Rich Quick PONZI Scheme, get in quick get your huge profit then RUN AWAY when it looks like it's about to go wrong!

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Shinn, Michon – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 00:03:13

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Slidell, Louisiana, 70458, United States

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Shipley, Tess – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:37:35

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From	Tess Shipley
Sent	11/05/2021 7:37:35 PM

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South Fremantle, Western Australia, 6162, Australia

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Siano, Nizza – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:16:03

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Silano, Alessandro – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:59:03

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From	Alessandro Silano
Sent	11/05/2021 8:59:03 PM

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Silver, Barry – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:31:42

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From	Barry Silver
Sent	11/05/2021 12:31:42 PM

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Barry Silver

Norlane, Victoria, 3214, Australia

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Silverstone, Liz – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:19:11

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From	Liz Silverstone
Sent	11/05/2021 12:19:11 PM

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Liz Silverstone
Wichita, Kansas, 67208, United States

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Sim, Fiona – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 14:04:17

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From	Fiona Sim
Sent	12/05/2021 2:04:17 PM

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Fiona Sim

New South Wales, 2850, Australia

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Simons, Jenny – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:17:36

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From	Jenny Simons
Sent	11/05/2021 12:17:36 PM

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Sinclair, Shane – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 21:39:14

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From	Shane Sinclair
Sent	13/05/2021 9:39:14 PM

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Shane Sinclair

Pearsall, Western Australia, 6065, Australia

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Sindel, Bronwyn – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 10:20:52

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Bronwyn Sindel
Sent	12/05/2021 10:20:52 AM

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Sirianni, Dianne – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:13:45

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From	Dianne Sirianni
Sent	11/05/2021 6:13:45 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Dianne Sirianni

Nightcliff, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Sisti, Samuel – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:51:20

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From	Samuel Sisti
Sent	11/05/2021 3:51:20 PM

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Samuel Sisti

Kiara, Western Australia, 6054, Australia

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Siu, Aaron – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 21:23:07

Subject	Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Aaron Siu
Sent	14/05/2021 9:23:07 PM

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Aaron Siu

Rouse Hill, New South Wales, 2155, Australia

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Skates, Susanne – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:20:16

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Susanne Skates
Sent	11/05/2021 1:20:16 PM

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Susanne Skates

Lenaghan, New South Wales, 2322, Australia

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Skeel, Margaret – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:09:02

Subject	I Strongly object to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Margaret Skeel
Sent	11/05/2021 7:09:02 PM

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Margaret Skeel

Yarrowyck, New South Wales, 2358, Australia

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Skinner, Gary – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 00:08:34

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Gary Skinner
Sent	12/05/2021 12:08:34 AM

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Gary Skinner

Carlingford, New South Wales, 2118, Australia

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Skrzypnik, Kristine – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:38:24

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From	Kristine Skrzypnik
Sent	11/05/2021 5:38:24 PM

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Kristine Skrzypnik
Valley Heights, New South Wales, 2777, Australia

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Slight, Angela – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:24:07

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:24:07 PM

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Collaroy, New South Wales, 2097, Australia

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Smalley, Gabi – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:20:00

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From	Gabi Smalley
Sent	11/05/2021 8:20:00 PM

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gabi smalley

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Smallman, Tom – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:48:18

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From	Tom Smallman
Sent	11/05/2021 1:48:18 PM

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Tom Smallman

Brunswick West, Victoria, 3055, Australia

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Smark, Tony – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:53:45

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Tony Smark

Bells Beach, Victoria, 3228, Australia

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Smith, Catherine – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 07:12:13

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From	Catherine Smith
Sent	13/05/2021 7:12:13 AM

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Catherine Smith

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Smith, Gabrielle – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 12:06:10

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Gabrielle (Gai) Smith
Sent	17/05/2021 12:06:10 PM

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41 Wells Street
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Smith, Henry – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 10:34:29

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From	Henry Smith
Sent	19/05/2021 10:34:29 AM

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White Gums, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Smith, Joe – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:51:07

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Sent	11/05/2021 8:51:07 PM

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joe smith

Bard, California, 92222, United States

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Smith, John – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 17:20:42

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Sent	19/05/2021 5:20:42 PM

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Smith, Katrina – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:15:07

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Sent	11/05/2021 6:15:07 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Katrina Smith

Jindivick, Victoria, 3818, Australia

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Smith, Lindy – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 08:46:59

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Lindy Smith
Sent	12/05/2021 8:46:59 AM

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Yours sincerely,
Lindy Smith

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Smith, Sue – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:58:17

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Sue Smith
Sent	11/05/2021 12:58:17 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Sue Smith

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Smith, Susan – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:56:27

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Susan Smith
Sent	11/05/2021 1:56:27 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Susan Smith
Chermside West, Queensland, 4032, Australia

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Smith, Valmai – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 13:34:29

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Valmai Smith
Sent	13/05/2021 1:34:29 PM

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Yours sincerely,
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Smith, Vivien – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 15:04:35

Subject	Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Vivien Smith
Sent	12/05/2021 3:04:35 PM

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I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

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I understand that the fracking wells will be connected by a grid of roads and flow lines - pipelines carrying polluted waste fluid between frack sites. Well pads will be cleared, seismic lines cut across dry savannah woodland and traversing creeks. Pipelines and tracks will be constructed beside and over creeks.

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Yours sincerely,

Vivien Smith

St Albans, Victoria, 3021, Australia

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Smyth, Jean – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:12:00

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jean Smyth
Sent	11/05/2021 4:12:00 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Jean Smyth

Conder, Australian Capital Territory, 2906, Australia

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Snieders, Carl – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:09:23

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From	Carl Snieders
Sent	11/05/2021 1:09:23 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

Please build a new coal fired power plant and 2 Nuclear power plants so that we do not need to have these experimental gas extraction methods continue.

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Yours sincerely,

Carl Snieders

Mount Doran, Victoria, 3334, Australia

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Soames, ZA – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 14:08:49

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From	ZA Soames
Sent	13/05/2021 2:08:49 PM

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SOBEK, Ne – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:12:35

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:12:35 PM

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Adelaide River, Northern Territory, 0846, Australia

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Somerville, Louise – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 19:12:18

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From	Louise Somerville
Sent	17/05/2021 7:12:18 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Louise Somerville

East Lismore, New South Wales, 2480, Australia

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Soryal, Christine – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 11:37:56

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From	Christine Soryal
Sent	19/05/2021 11:37:56 AM

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Christine Soryal

Charlton, Queensland, 4350, Australia

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Dolls Point, New South Wales, 2219, Australia

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Spaul, Patricia – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:05:31

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From	Patricia Spaul
Sent	11/05/2021 1:05:31 PM

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Spencer, Stephen – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:31:41

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Sent	11/05/2021 4:31:41 PM

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Wollongong, New South Wales, 2500, Australia

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Spoehr, Stacey – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 13:51:53

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Stacey Spoehr

Sherwood, New South Wales, 2450, Australia

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Sposito, Ann – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 17:35:25

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Ann Sposito
Sent	13/05/2021 5:35:25 PM

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Sri, Anna – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 23:19:01

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From	Anna Sri
Sent	12/05/2021 11:19:01 PM

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Stabler, Dennis – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:17:10

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From	Dennis Stabler
Sent	11/05/2021 4:17:10 PM

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Stacey, Kirsten – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:05:04

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From	Kirsten Stacey
Sent	11/05/2021 2:05:04 PM

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Stacey, Raylene – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 15:24:31

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Raylene Stacey
Sent	12/05/2021 3:24:31 PM

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Staerck, Anthea – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:48:48

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From	Anthea Von Staerck
Sent	11/05/2021 7:48:48 PM

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Stampfer, Petra – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 16:48:46

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Sent	12/05/2021 4:48:46 PM

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Stanford, Richard – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:00:40

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From	Richard Stanford
Sent	11/05/2021 2:00:40 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Richard Stanford

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Stanley, Graham – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 00:17:43

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Graham Stanley
Sent	12/05/2021 12:17:43 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Gail Stanley

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Stanton, Elizabeth – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 11:12:50

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Elizabeth Stanton
Sent	17/05/2021 11:12:50 AM

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Stanton, Meredith – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 07:07:18

Subject	Objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Meredith Stanton
Sent	13/05/2021 7:07:18 AM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

Objection to Imperial ***** EP187 Work Program EMP

I write to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

These plans should be the subject of a full Federal assessment process and a Territory Environmental Impact Assessment because this proposal for seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental impacts.

I'm concerned this fracking program is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants and I urge you to support the interests of the community and strengthen safeguards for environmental oversight before any work commences on EP 187.

I believe the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project requires Federal assessment with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

The proposal includes 7 fracking wells and 6 new well pads. Fracking wells will be connected by a grid of roads and flow lines - pipelines carrying polluted waste fluid between frack sites. Well pads will be cleared, seismic lines cut across dry savannah woodland and traversing creeks. Pipelines and tracks will be constructed beside and over creeks.

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I'm particularly concerned about impacts on groundwater quality. The recent discovery of at least 11 new stygofauna species in the Cambrian Limestone Aquifer should trigger a halt to all fracking activity. Groundwater baseline testing and studies of aquifer connectivity must be completed. These new stygofauna species are crucial to keeping water clean and usable for us all. Fracking activities may put these species and groundwater at risk.

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Finally, I express my strong opposition to any Territory or Federal government funding being issued to Imperial/ Empire Energy to advance the proposed Work Program for EP187. Empire Energy is seeking government financial support through the Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program to advance this works program, yet has not shown good faith in releasing essential details of its proposed operations in EP187 to public scrutiny.

This fracking project must be subject to the full Federal assessment process and a Territory Environmental Impact Assessment.

Government approvals to frack in the Territory must be carefully regulated with genuine oversight of the company's (Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy) plans and processes.

Please do not risk causing long term environmental and social impacts which will be detrimental to the health of future generations.

sincerely,

Meredith Stanton

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Starr, Emily – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:53:29

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Emily Starr
Sent	11/05/2021 4:53:29 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Emily Starr

Tooronga, Victoria, 3146, Australia

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Starr, Heidi – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:07:01

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Heidi Starr
Sent	11/05/2021 12:07:01 PM

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Heidi Starr

Clifton Hill, Victoria, 3068, Australia

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Staszewski, Alex – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 22:11:57

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Alex Staszewski
Sent	11/05/2021 10:11:57 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Alex Staszewski

Blacktown, New South Wales, 2148, Australia

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Steele, Kerrie – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 10:31:57

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Kerrie Steele
Sent	17/05/2021 10:31:57 AM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

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Yours sincerely,

Kerrie Steele

Tarrawanna, New South Wales, 2518, Australia

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Stefanoff, Dr – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 20:08:10

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Dr Lisa Stefanoff
Sent	12/05/2021 8:08:10 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

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Yours sincerely,

Lisa Stefanoff

White Gums, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Steffan, Alexandra – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:43:05

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Alexandra Steffan
Sent	11/05/2021 6:43:05 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Alexandra Steffan
Nightcliff, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Stepanavicius, Varesha – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 21:18:37

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Varesha Stepanavicius
Sent	12/05/2021 9:18:37 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Varesha Stepanavicius

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Stephens, Shaun – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:07:08

Subject	Objection to 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Shaun Stephens
Sent	11/05/2021 5:07:08 PM

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Stephenson, Maureen – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:34:02

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Maureen Stephenson
Sent	11/05/2021 8:34:02 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Maureen Stephenson

North Perth, Western Australia, 6006, Australia

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Sterling, Jan – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:01:34

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jan Sterling
Sent	11/05/2021 12:01:34 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Jan Sterling

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Stetner, Douglas – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:11:24

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Douglas Stetner
Sent	11/05/2021 2:11:24 PM

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Douglas Stetner

Lytton, Queensland, 4178, Australia

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Stevens, David – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 06:34:10

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	David Stevens
Sent	18/05/2021 6:34:10 AM

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Stevenson, Craig – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:50:30

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From	Craig Stevenson
Sent	11/05/2021 1:50:30 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Craig Stevenson
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Stevenson, Joy – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 08:20:46

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Joy Stevenson
Sent	12/05/2021 8:20:46 AM

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Joy Stevenson

Fairfield, Victoria, 3078, Australia

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Stevenson, Margaret – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:02:44

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From	Margaret Stevenson
Sent	11/05/2021 1:02:44 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Margaret Stevenson
White Gums, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Stiles, Chris – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 11:41:21

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From	Chris Stiles
Sent	13/05/2021 11:41:21 AM

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Chris Stiles

Pinbarren, Queensland, 4568, Australia

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Stitfold, Mitchell – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:30:09

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From	Mitchell Stitfold
Sent	11/05/2021 3:30:09 PM

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Mitchell Stitfold

Nightcliff, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Stonall, Cynthia – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:36:02

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Cynthia Stonall
Sent	11/05/2021 4:36:02 PM

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Cynthia Stonall

England, CH45 2LD, United Kingdom

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Stonier-Gibson, David – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:46:28

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From	David Stonier-Gibson
Sent	11/05/2021 2:46:28 PM

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Highett, Victoria, 3190, Australia

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Stonier-Gibson, Judy – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 15:46:46

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From	Judy Stonier-Gibson
Sent	19/05/2021 3:46:46 PM

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Story, Jasmine – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 21:51:34

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From	Jasmine Story
Sent	11/05/2021 9:51:34 PM

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Streatfeild, Michael – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:00:35

Subject	I object to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Michael Streatfeild
Sent	11/05/2021 8:00:35 PM

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West Hoxton, New South Wales, 2171, Australia

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Strong, Petra – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 21:20:27

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From	Petra Strong
Sent	12/05/2021 9:20:27 PM

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Petra Strong

Landsborough, Queensland, 4550, Australia

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Stuart, Deidre – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:28:41

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From	Deidre Stuart
Sent	11/05/2021 1:28:41 PM

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Deidre Stuart

North Wollongong, New South Wales, 2500, Australia

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Stuart, Sandra – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 14:25:48

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From	Sandra Stuart
Sent	12/05/2021 2:25:48 PM

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Sandra Stuart

Camden, New South Wales, 2570, Australia

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Stubbs, Derek – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:19:16

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From	Derek Stubbs
Sent	11/05/2021 3:19:16 PM

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Mitcham Shopping Centre, South Australia, 5062, Australia

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Summons, Julie – Sunday, 16 May 2021 – 10:04:22

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Julie Summons
Sent	16/05/2021 10:04:22 AM

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Sunder, Manjari – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 06:17:56

Subject	Wake up to life !Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Manjari Sunder
Sent	12/05/2021 6:17:56 AM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

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Mullumbimby, New South Wales, 2482, Australia

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Sutch, Fiona – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 21:35:21

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From	Fiona Sutch
Sent	13/05/2021 9:35:21 PM

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Fiona Sutch

Lutwyche, Queensland, 4030, Australia

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Sutton, James – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 08:58:41

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Sent	13/05/2021 8:58:41 AM

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Sutton, Lorraine – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 10:54:10

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From	Lorraine Sutton
Sent	13/05/2021 10:54:10 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Lorraine Sutton

Newport, New South Wales, 2106, Australia

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Swan, Harry – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:02:45

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From	Harry Swan
Sent	11/05/2021 12:02:45 PM

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Swart, Di – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 10:07:03

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From	Di Swart
Sent	12/05/2021 10:07:03 AM

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Di Swart

Nightcliff, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Sykes, Jessica – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:27:01

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From	Jessica Sykes
Sent	11/05/2021 6:27:01 PM

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Jessica Sykes
Preston, Victoria, 3072, Australia

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Szigeti, Monika – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:36:51

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From	Monika Szigeti
Sent	11/05/2021 12:36:51 PM

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Monika Szigeti

Kingston, Tasmania, 7050, Australia

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Tait, Lillian – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:07:27

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:07:27 PM

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Lillian Tait

Emungalan, Northern Territory, 0850, Australia

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Tan, Jef – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:27:25

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Jef Tan

Brunswick, Victoria, 3056, Australia

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Tapp, Caoline – Saturday, 15 May 2021 – 10:15:50

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From	Caoline WATER Tapp
Sent	15/05/2021 10:15:50 AM

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Tapp, Sheryl – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:38:56

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From	Sheryl Tapp
Sent	11/05/2021 8:38:56 PM

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Tapper, Marion – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 10:57:09

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Marion Tapper
Sent	12/05/2021 10:57:09 AM

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South Fremantle, Western Australia, 6162, Australia

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Tarrant, Josh – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 10:55:14

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From	Josh Tarrant
Sent	17/05/2021 10:55:14 AM

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Wynn Vale, South Australia, 5127, Australia

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Taylor, Greer – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:57:56

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From	Greer Taylor
Sent	11/05/2021 3:57:56 PM

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I did not write the text below but I agree completely with all it says - fracking damages ecosystems and in doing so damages the potential for the earth to repair (each time she loses an 'organ' she has less capacity to respond to the damage being done*). We must ensure ecosystems are left intact and supported into being their full vibrancy - this is where we must place our energy... not in fracking; fracking is a short term grab at something that will have very long term damaging consequences.

<< *you might disregard my comments as hippie woo-woo but our earth IS a living thing and like all living things including your body, it functions best when it is fully intact. This reality is being supported in science every day - the biotic pump is a case in point.>>

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Taylor, Mark – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:07:57

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Tebbutt, Peter – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:58:27

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From	Peter Tebbutt
Sent	11/05/2021 2:58:27 PM

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Tepper, Glenn – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 20:19:24

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Glenn Tepper
Sent	17/05/2021 8:19:24 PM

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Glenn Tepper
Suffolk Park, New South Wales, 2481, Australia

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Thandi, Taranjeet – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 10:31:59

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Taranjeet Thandi
Sent	19/05/2021 10:31:59 AM

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Taranjeet Kaur

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Thayne, Nell – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:56:16

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Nell Thayne
Sent	11/05/2021 2:56:16 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Nell Thayne

North Fremantle, Western Australia, 6159, Australia

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Thomas, Al – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:50:03

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From	Al Thomas
Sent	11/05/2021 5:50:03 PM

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Al Thomas

Emerald, Victoria, 3782, Australia

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Thomas, Kerry – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 09:53:21

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Kerry Thomas
Sent	12/05/2021 9:53:21 AM

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Thomas, Michael – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 15:36:15

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP. This project makes no sense economically, environmentally or socially. Fracking is dangerous to ground water.
From	Michael Thomas
Sent	13/05/2021 3:36:15 PM

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Thomas, Murray – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:00:52

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Sent	11/05/2021 5:00:52 PM

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Murray Thomas
Toolara Forest, Queensland, 4570, Australia

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Thompson, Kathryn – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 07:43:01

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From	Kathryn Thompson
Sent	12/05/2021 7:43:01 AM

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Thompson, Ruth – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:41:14

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From	Ruth Thompson
Sent	11/05/2021 12:41:14 PM

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Thompson, Tess – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 16:27:22

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From	Tess Thompson
Sent	12/05/2021 4:27:22 PM

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Tess Thompson
Rowlands Creek, New South Wales, 2484, Australia

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Thomson, Kay – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 14:04:59

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From	Kay Thomson
Sent	19/05/2021 2:04:59 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Kay Thomson
Moulden, Northern Territory, 0830, Australia

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Thorn, Jane – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:19:57

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Sent	11/05/2021 5:19:57 PM

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Tierney, Kevin – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:37:00

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Sent	11/05/2021 2:37:00 PM

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Give the planet and our kids some hope, please.

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Kevin Tierney

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Timms, Rtin – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 18:19:10

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From	Rtin Timms
Sent	17/05/2021 6:19:10 PM

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rtin timms

Binningup, Western Australia, 6233, Australia

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Campbells Creek, Victoria, 3451

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Tobin, Josephine – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:36:35

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Yours sincerely,

Josephine Tobin

Fairlight, New South Wales, 2094, Australia

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Tomlinson, Tracey – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 21:05:26

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Tracey Tomlinson
Sent	11/05/2021 9:05:26 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Tracey Tomlinson

Moorabbin, Victoria, 3189, Australia

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Toogood, Lawrence – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:09:58

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Lawrence Toogood
Sent	11/05/2021 4:09:58 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Lawrence Toogood

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Toogood, Rosemary – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:10:31

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Rosemary Toogood
Sent	11/05/2021 4:10:31 PM

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Yours sincerely,

rosemary toogood

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Tooth, Ifeanna – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:49:09

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Ifeanna Tooth
Sent	11/05/2021 7:49:09 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187. As a tourist to the Territory, my family and friends visit for the natural beauty, not broken, polluted environments, wrecked by fracking.

This proposal for seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental impacts. I'm concerned this fracking program is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants.

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Yours sincerely,
Ifeanna Tooth
Woollahra, New South Wales, 2025, Australia

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Toppi, Christine – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:07:29

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Christine Toppi
Sent	11/05/2021 12:07:29 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Christine Toppi

Banyule, Victoria, 3084, Australia

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Touzeau, Jane – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 17:41:16

Subject	I object to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jane Touzeau
Sent	12/05/2021 5:41:16 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Jane Touzeau

Elwood, Victoria, 3184, Australia

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Tovar, Surian – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 10:56:01

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Surian Tovar
Sent	12/05/2021 10:56:01 AM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP).

Look no one in the NT wants fracking. Just the filthy rich resource giants that are mostly likely in your pockets as I write this email. I know you mob are smarter than this which is why now I have been lead to believe you simply don't care. All it takes is one dodgy well , one slip up and an entire regions water table is buggered. In the Australia we cannot afford to take such gambles with our water.

The adverse impacts of fracking are seen in virtually every large scale fracking operations. Particular in the US where water tables have been poisoned , people are getting sick (cancer rates skyrocketing in regions with many wells), entire landscapes destroyed, fracking linked earthquakes have become the norm among other consequences. Not too mention that the age of fossil fuels is on its way out and becoming less profitable every year.

Please do not risk my homes future.

Yours sincerely,

Surian Tovar

Nightcliff, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Tran, Vinh – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:48:10

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From	Vinh Tran
Sent	11/05/2021 12:48:10 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Vinh Tran

Kensington, New South Wales, 2033, Australia

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Trapnell, Jonathan – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:05:15

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jonathan Trapnell
Sent	11/05/2021 2:05:15 PM

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Jonathan Trapnell

Mona Mona, Queensland, 4881, Australia

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Traynor, Denise – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:11:33

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From	Denise Traynor
Sent	11/05/2021 3:11:33 PM

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Denise Traynor

Pinjarra Hills, Queensland, 4069, Australia

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Treasure, Marion – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:07:32

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Marion Treasure
Sent	11/05/2021 4:07:32 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Marion Treasure

Fremantle, Western Australia, 6160, Australia

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Trethowan, D – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 04:42:45

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	D Trethowan
Sent	14/05/2021 4:42:45 AM

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D Trethowan

Pennyroyal, Victoria, 3235, Australia

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Trotter, Ed – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:27:16

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From	Ed Trotter
Sent	11/05/2021 3:27:16 PM

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Taree, New South Wales, 2430, Australia

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Trusler, Gael – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 03:22:11

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Gael Trusler
Sent	12/05/2021 3:22:11 AM

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Gael Trusler

Blackburn North, Victoria, 3130, Australia

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Tuke, Mitzi – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 19:55:28

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Mitzi Tuke
Sent	18/05/2021 7:55:28 PM

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Tullett, Betty – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:02:25

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From	Betty Tullett
Sent	11/05/2021 1:02:25 PM

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Betty Tullett

Huntingdale, Western Australia, 6110, Australia

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Tully, Teresa – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:20:59

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From	Teresa Tully
Sent	11/05/2021 8:20:59 PM

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teresa tully

Kembla Grange, New South Wales, 2526, Australia

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Tuna, Barbara – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:08:57

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From	Barbara Tuna
Sent	11/05/2021 5:08:57 PM

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Barbara Tuna

Mona Vale, New South Wales, 2103, Australia

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Turner, Cheryl – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 20:16:04

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Cheryl Turner
Sent	12/05/2021 8:16:04 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Cheryl Turner

Highett, Victoria, 3190, Australia

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Turner, Danielle – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 02:52:03

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Danielle Turner
Sent	14/05/2021 2:52:03 AM

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Danielle Turner

Tuerong, Victoria, 3915, Australia

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Turner, Deb – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:14:18

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Deb Turner
Sent	11/05/2021 1:14:18 PM

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Deb Turner

Mt Clear, Victoria, 3350, Australia

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Turner, Jes – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 21:37:00

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From	Jes Turner
Sent	11/05/2021 9:37:00 PM

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Turner, Ochre – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:10:33

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From	Ochre Turner
Sent	11/05/2021 8:10:33 PM

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Tutty, Justin – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 10:23:57

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Justin Tutty
Sent	19/05/2021 10:23:57 AM

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Yours sincerely,

justin tutty

Nightcliff, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Upton, Gillian – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 18:13:40

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Gillian Upton
Sent	14/05/2021 6:13:40 PM

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Gillian Upton

Balaclava, Victoria, 3183, Australia

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Vaerenbergh, Louise – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 19:21:56

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Louise Van Vaerenbergh
Sent	12/05/2021 7:21:56 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Louise Van Vaerenbergh
Mitchell, Northern Territory, 0832, Australia

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Vains, Kelly – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 14:17:41

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Kelly Vains
Sent	19/05/2021 2:17:41 PM

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Vandermaat, Trilby – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:33:13

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Trilby Vandermaat
Sent	11/05/2021 2:33:13 PM

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Trilby Vandermaat
Blantyre, Queensland, 4310, Australia

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Vandyke, Dana – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 16:15:23

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Dana Vandyke
Sent	12/05/2021 4:15:23 PM

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Vanessa, Brady – Saturday, 15 May 2021 – 07:01:27

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Brady Vanessa
Sent	15/05/2021 7:01:27 AM

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Vanhees, Joanne – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 07:28:19

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From	Joanne Vanhees
Sent	13/05/2021 7:28:19 AM

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joanne vanhees

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Varughese, Sucy – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:06:32

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From	Sucy Varughese
Sent	11/05/2021 12:06:32 PM

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sucy varughese

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Vassilevska, Jiva – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:15:55

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From	Jiva Vassilevska
Sent	11/05/2021 3:15:55 PM

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Vassiliadis, Georgia – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 20:13:17

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Stakeholder type: NGO

Feedback

Activity you are providing feedback on: Imperial Oil & Gas Pty Ltd ***** EP187
Work Program Environment Management Plan

Category type: Social and cultural, Flora and fauna, Water, Climate change, Regulation
and compliance

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Comments: To whom it may concern, Please find attached the Arid Lands Environment
Centre's submission. Kind regards, Alex

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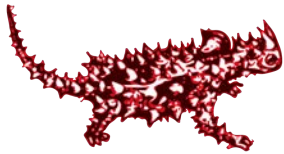
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19th May 2021

Imperial Oil and Gas EMP submission

The Arid Lands Environment Centre (ALEC) is Central Australia's peak community environmental organisation that has been advocating for the protection of nature and ecologically sustainable development of the arid lands since 1980. ALEC actively contributes to the development of energy and resources policy through regulatory reform, written submissions, community education and advocacy within the community.

ALEC welcomes the opportunity to make a comment on Imperial Oil and Gas's (Imperial) Environment Management Plan (EMP).

ALEC strongly opposes the Imperial EMP and its proposal to hydraulic fracture (frack) seven wells in the McArthur Basin at EP187. ALEC considers Imperial's proposed actions to have the potential to cause a significant impact to the environment. It is vital that the Minister for the Environment refers these shale gas activities to the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (NT EPA) to conduct an Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) under s.50 of the *Environment Protection Act* 2019 (EP Act).

ALEC's submission focuses on: scientific uncertainty, baseline data, cumulative impacts and 'exploration creep'; water resources; and, threatened species.

1. Scientific uncertainty - lack of baseline data

The Beetaloo Sub-basin and greater McArthur basin represent greenfield petroleum resources. This means it is a region with limited baseline data (ecological as well as geologic). The Strategic Regional Environment and Baseline Assessments (SREBA) is a key structure of the Fracking Inquiry recommendations and involves the completion of 6 baseline studies advised to occur over a 3-5 year period.¹ After the completion of the SREBA, this baseline data and additional scientific information, will enable a Final Risk Assessment to be conducted.² This will determine whether the shale gas industry in the Beetaloo Sub-Basin is viable.

EP187, the site of Imperial's proposed new fracking activities lies outside of the Beetaloo Sub-Basin. The SREBA has primarily been conducted within the Beetaloo Sub-Basin, with research also completed in the Beetaloo GBA extended region. EP187 lies outside of both of these boundaries in the McArthur Basin. It is a region with extremely limited existing data.

¹ Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory *Final Report*, p.451-452.

² Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory *Final Report*, p.39.

Much of the information conducted in the SREBA is likely to not be transferable to EP187, namely: terrestrial ecosystems, social, cultural and economic and aquatic ecosystem baselines. In addition, to understand the impacts of the proposed actions, further research is necessary around water quality and quantity, greenhouse gas emission and environmental health.

The Imperial EMP conducted one ecological assessment in March 2021. It is far from best practice scientific research, for such a limited pool of data to inform a baseline. Additionally, although there is a methods section, the EMP does not outline the scientific methods that were adopted to conduct this research, nor are timelines provided for the number of days spent in the field.³ It remains unclear whether these baselines are replicable. The results from March 2021 tell us information from that particular point in time - one dataset of results does not provide enough evidence to inform a baseline. This is particularly true in the tropics, where time of year will significantly impact the species that are identified. Further research is essential to ensure that a genuine ecological baseline is conducted. Without it, there is substantial potential that significant impacts will occur to the environment. It is vital that the proposed actions are referred to the NT EPA, so a comprehensive EIA can be conducted.

It should also be noted that conducting baselines for the region in 2021, will inherently ignore changes that have already occurred as a result of climate change impacts, invasive species and changed fire regimes.

The EMP also relies heavily on desktop research to understand potentially significant impacts. There is very limited existing research conducted for this region. It is therefore unsurprising that the proponent would state: “Imperial believe the proposed activity does not represent any potential impact on the environment; therefore, it does not require an EIA”.⁴ There is a huge amount of information, data and knowledge missing from the proponents EMP. For example, there has been limited field work, the proponent hasn’t ground-truthed the watercourses near the selected sites of their well-pads,⁵ nor has any comprehensive water testing been completed on EP187. Reliance upon desktop data, in a region which has limited to no existing data across various environmental, social and cultural factors is deeply concerning. The potential impacts can’t be emphasised in a risk matrix, if the data does not exist. An EIA is essential to ensure a comprehensive analysis of the development site is conducted.

Recommendation 1: Under s.50 of the EP Act Environment Minister Eva Lawler refers, Imperial’s proposed actions to the NT EPA to undergo an EIA.

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³ Imperial OG 2021-2023 EP187 Program - Appendices 01-05, p.76-104.

⁴ Environment Management Plan Imperial Oil & Gas: 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program NT Exploration Permit (EP) 187, p.28.

⁵ Environment Management Plan Imperial Oil & Gas: 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program NT Exploration Permit (EP) 187, p.45.

2. Cumulative impacts and ‘exploration creep’

Justice Rachel Pepper in handing down her recommendations from the Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory (Fracking Inquiry) emphasised that strong safeguards are needed to prevent ‘exploration creep’ from occurring.⁶ Exploration creep is when a large number of wells are drilled and fracked under the conditions of an exploration licence. To overcome exploration creep, the Fracking Inquiry clearly stated that emphasis be placed on the assessment of cumulative impacts.

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3. Impacts upon water resources

The proposed actions on EP187 will primarily impact the Gum Ridge Aquifer water resource. It is a shallow water resource, with the Carpentaria 1 well, showing that the resource is 50-150m below the surface.⁸

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⁶ Scientific Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracturing in the Northern Territory *Final Report*, p.413-414, p.451

⁷ *Petroleum (Environment) Regulations 2016*, p.35.

⁸ Environment Management Plan Imperial Oil & Gas: 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program NT Exploration Permit (EP) 187, p.59.

⁹ Rees, G, Oberprieler, S, Nielsen, D, Watson, F, Shackleton, M, Davis, J, 2020. Characterisation of the stygofauna and microbial assemblages of the Beetaloo Sub-basin, Northern Territory. GISERA.

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Alexander Vaughan - Policy Officer



¹⁰ Environment Management Plan Imperial Oil & Gas: 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program NT Exploration Permit (EP) 187, p.11.

Venn, Robert – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 12:00:48

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From	Robert Venn
Sent	12/05/2021 12:00:48 PM

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Vincent, Elizabeth – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:53:51

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Viner, Shirley – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 06:23:30

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Shirley Viner
Sent	12/05/2021 6:23:30 AM

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Shirley Viner
Smythes Creek, Victoria, 3351, Australia

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Vos, Patrick – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:34:59

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:34:59 PM

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Vuillermin, Lyndall – Sunday, 16 May 2021 – 20:18:35

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Lyndall Vuillermin
Sent	16/05/2021 8:18:35 PM

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Lyndall Vuillermin
Rapid Creek, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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Vuuren, Lyn – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:03:11

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From	Lyn Van Vuuren
Sent	11/05/2021 2:03:11 PM

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Joyner, Queensland, 4500, Australia

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Wagner, Karen – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:34:16

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From	Karen Wagner
Sent	11/05/2021 2:34:16 PM

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Karen Wagner
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Waidelich, Jalquin – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:25:26

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From	Jalquin Waidelich
Sent	11/05/2021 7:25:26 PM

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Wakeling, Kathy – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:02:41

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Sent	11/05/2021 3:02:41 PM

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Caboolture, Queensland, 4510, Australia

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Walch, Grace – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 17:21:05

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From	Grace Walch
Sent	12/05/2021 5:21:05 PM

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Grace Walch

Kenthurst, New South Wales, 2156, Australia

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Walch, Ian – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 18:47:45

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From	Ian Walch
Sent	18/05/2021 6:47:45 PM

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Ian Walch

Evelyn, Queensland, 4888, Australia

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Waldon, Allan – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 14:22:34

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From	Allan Waldon
Sent	12/05/2021 2:22:34 PM

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Walker, Julie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:53:45

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Julie Walker
Sent	11/05/2021 12:53:45 PM

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Walker, Pete – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 14:46:58

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From	Pete Walker
Sent	12/05/2021 2:46:58 PM

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Wallace, Angela – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 21:57:24

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From	Angela Wallace
Sent	12/05/2021 9:57:24 PM

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Yours sincerely

Former Territorian

Angela Wallace

Coffs Harbour New South Wales, 2450, Australia

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Wallace, Jill – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 00:15:36

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From	Jill Wallace
Sent	13/05/2021 12:15:36 AM

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Fracking is proven environmental vandalism. Do not keep on destroying our country please see sense, once the damage is done there's no fixing it , it becomes a permanent scar on our record of stupid irresponsible decisions.

Yours sincerely,

Jill Wallace

Buaraba South, Queensland, 4311, Australia

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Wallace, Mark – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 19:25:19

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From	Mark Wallace
Sent	18/05/2021 7:25:19 PM

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Walmsley, Jamie – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 05:25:40

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From	Jamie Walmsley
Sent	12/05/2021 5:25:40 AM

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Walsh, Kelly – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 13:34:30

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Kelly Walsh
Sent	19/05/2021 1:34:30 PM

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Kelly Walsh

Darwin DC, Northern Territory, 0820, Australia

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Walsh, Kieran – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:18:20

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Kieran Walsh
Sent	11/05/2021 2:18:20 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Kieran Walsh

Coomababah, Queensland, 4216, Australia

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Walters, Peter – Saturday, 15 May 2021 – 21:01:14

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Peter Walters
Sent	15/05/2021 9:01:14 PM

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Yours sincerely,

peter walters

Cocoroc, Victoria, 3030, Australia

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Walton, Elaine – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 12:04:14

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Elaine Walton
Sent	12/05/2021 12:04:14 PM

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Elaine Walton

Marrara, Northern Territory, 0812, Australia

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Wand, Graham – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 19:51:41

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Graham Wand
Sent	18/05/2021 7:51:41 PM

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Graham Wand

Burleigh Waters, Queensland, 4220, Australia

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Warburton, Graham – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 17:26:42

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From	Graham Warburton
Sent	12/05/2021 5:26:42 PM

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Graham Warburton

Darawank, New South Wales, 2428, Australia

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Warren, Joshua – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 19:17:32

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From	Joshua Warren
Sent	12/05/2021 7:17:32 PM

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Joshua Warren

White Gums, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Waters, Alison – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:22:45

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From	Alison Waters
Sent	11/05/2021 1:22:45 PM

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Watkins, Tim – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 19:04:34

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From	Tim Watkins
Sent	19/05/2021 7:04:34 PM

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Tim Watkins

Girraween, Northern Territory, 0836, Australia

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Watson, Anne – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:56:32

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Anne Watson
Sent	11/05/2021 6:56:32 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Anne Watson

Batman, Victoria, 3058, Australia

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Watson, Charlotte – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 10:33:32

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Sent	19/05/2021 10:33:32 AM

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Watson, Frances – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 12:53:22

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From	Frances Watson
Sent	14/05/2021 12:53:22 PM

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Watson, Jan – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:27:18

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jan And Warren Watson
Sent	11/05/2021 2:27:18 PM

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WATSON, JANICE – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 21:18:00

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Sent	11/05/2021 9:18:00 PM

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Watson, Jeanette – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:37:45

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From	Jeanette Watson
Sent	11/05/2021 2:37:45 PM

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Jeanette Watson
Fremantle, Western Australia, 6160, Australia

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Watt, Tracy – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 12:41:44

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From	Tracy Watt
Sent	12/05/2021 12:41:44 PM

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Webb, Ellisa – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:17:25

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Ellisa Webb
Sent	11/05/2021 1:17:25 PM

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Webb, Mandy – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 15:56:53

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Mandy Webb
Sent	17/05/2021 3:56:53 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

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No fracking should go ahead without clear demonstration of the ability by the relevant regulatory authority to monitor compliance with conditions required.

No fracking should go ahead without clear knowledge of how to address the problem of methane leakage which has been recently found to be a far greater problem than previously realised.

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Weber, Sonja – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:42:29

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From	Sonja Weber
Sent	11/05/2021 12:42:29 PM

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Webster, Ann – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:48:29

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From	Ann Webster
Sent	11/05/2021 3:48:29 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Ann Webster

Baskerville, Western Australia, 6056, Australia

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Webster, Lorraine – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 13:40:06

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From	Lorraine Webster
Sent	17/05/2021 1:40:06 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Lorraine Webster
Goulburn Weir, Victoria, 3608, Australia

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Weight, Helen – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:14:25

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From	Helen Weight
Sent	11/05/2021 1:14:25 PM

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Weiss, Anna – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:51:14

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From	Anna Weiss
Sent	11/05/2021 12:51:14 PM

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Welsh, Allegra – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:36:26

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From	Allegra Welsh
Sent	11/05/2021 4:36:26 PM

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Allegra Welsh
Double Bay, New South Wales, 2028, Australia

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Wensing, Dr – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 11:17:08

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Dr Ed Wensing
Sent	12/05/2021 11:17:08 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Dr Ed Wensing (Life Fellow) FPIA FHEA

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Wessem, Raphael – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 10:23:33

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Raphael Van Wessem
Sent	19/05/2021 10:23:33 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Raphael Van Wessem

Nightcliff, Northern Territory, 0810, Australia

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West, Tim – Saturday, 15 May 2021 – 16:54:55

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Tim West
Sent	15/05/2021 4:54:55 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Tim West

Boyup Brook, Western Australia, 6244, Australia

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WESTON, HOLLY – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:58:10

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From	HOLLY WESTON
Sent	11/05/2021 1:58:10 PM

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Don't you people ever learn, we must stop these catastrophic practices NOW. Time is not on our side and this land does not belong to you. An election is forthcoming and we have heard nothing about your action on climate change, only the economy - jobs jobs jobs. As you well know but avoid, the jobs are in renewables. We will lead, you will follow.

Yours sincerely,

HOLLY WESTON

Tylden South, Victoria, 3444, Australia

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Wheatley, Val – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 17:12:37

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Val Wheatley
Sent	12/05/2021 5:12:37 PM

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Val Wheatley

North Tivoli, Queensland, 4305, Australia

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Whiston, Lisa – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 19:39:23

Subject	Please accept my Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Lisa Whiston
Sent	18/05/2021 7:39:23 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

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Lisa Whiston
Lower Plenty, Victoria, 3093, Australia

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White, Carol – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:53:11

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From	Carol White
Sent	11/05/2021 12:53:11 PM

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Carol White

Highpoint City, Victoria, 3032, Australia

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White, D – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:04:17

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Sent	11/05/2021 6:04:17 PM

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Donna White

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White, Daniel – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 11:06:48

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Daniel White
Sent	18/05/2021 11:06:48 AM

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White, Elizabeth – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:41:42

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From	Elizabeth White
Sent	11/05/2021 3:41:42 PM

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White, Jeremy – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:24:12

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From	Jeremy White
Sent	11/05/2021 12:24:12 PM

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Jeremy White

Stratheden, New South Wales, 2470, Australia

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White, Melissa – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 22:46:59

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From	Melissa White
Sent	11/05/2021 10:46:59 PM

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Melissa White

Darwin DC, Northern Territory, 0820, Australia

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Whitehead, Eileen – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:27:06

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From	Eileen Whitehead
Sent	11/05/2021 2:27:06 PM

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Eileen Whitehead
Queens Park, Western Australia, 6107, Australia

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Whitney, Susan – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 08:15:44

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From	Susan Whitney
Sent	12/05/2021 8:15:44 AM

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Whittaker, Jemma – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 21:49:38

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Sent	18/05/2021 9:49:38 PM

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Whittaker, Rob – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 13:22:37

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Sent	12/05/2021 1:22:37 PM

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Wicks, Joanne – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:58:57

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From	Joanne Wicks
Sent	11/05/2021 6:58:57 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Joanne Wicks

Wichita, Kansas, 67208, United States

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Wiesmann, Elke – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 11:09:16

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Elke Wiesmann
Sent	19/05/2021 11:09:16 AM

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Yours sincerely,

Elke Wiesmann

Eastside, Northern Territory, 0870, Australia

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Subject	DENR - Consultation Form - 1005478
From	<Confidential>
Sent	12/05/2021 7:54:55 PM

Contact details

First name: <Confidential>

Surname: <Confidential>

Email address: *****

Country: Australia

Postcode: 0870

Phone number: *****

Stakeholder type: Community

Feedback

Activity you are providing feedback on: Imperial Oil & Gas Pty Ltd ***** EP187
Work Program Environment Management Plan

Category type: Social and cultural, Flora and fauna, Water, Waste Management,
Climate change, Human health, Chemicals, Regulation and compliance, Well integrity

If other, please specify::

Comments: Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie, I am to writing to express my deep concerns regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187. I strongly believe that this proposal for 7 new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental impacts. I am deeply concerned this fracking proposal is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it most definitely needs. I strongly believe that the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project needs to be assessed at the Federal level, with the involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment. I am very worried that the category of "exploration" is being used to avoid full environmental scrutiny. Imperial is outrageously proposing to frack just 1.1km from a water bore. This is the bare minimum set back distance permitted, and I believe that this is just not good enough in terms of guaranteeing safety to water. The Pepper Inquiry found that fracking within a kilometre of water bores poses an unacceptable risk of water contamination so how could this distance of 1.1km from a bore be even allowed? As I hope you are aware , the recent discovery of at least 11 new stygofauna species in the Cambrian Limestone Aquifer should be enough to stop all fracking activity until further studies are carried out. Groundwater baseline testing and studies of aquifer connectivity must be completed. These new significant stygofauna species are crucial to keeping water clean and usable for us all. Fracking activities may put these species and groundwater at risk and I am outraged at the prospect of these newly discovered species facing this. Please take notice of the science that is behind these studies and do not put our precious water at risk, the potential for irreversible damage is just too great. As a mother and a teacher of young children, our next generation, I implore you to see that this proposal surely meets the criteria for compulsory EPA referral with 'the potential to have a significant impact on the environment' . It is just not in one sphere where significant impacts may be had. I believe our groundwater is at risk, habitat loss due to the 150 hectares of land being cleared will occur, the issue of waste storage and transport, and the overall impact on climate change will all contribute to a 'significant impact'. I live in Alice Springs where temperature records have already been broken. In the year to July 2019, Alice Springs had 129 days over 35C, and 55 days over 40C. We all need the government to take climate change risks seriously, and

acknowledge that all new fossil fuel developments hold “the potential to have a significant impact on the environment”. Once again I want to reiterate that this proposal surely meets the criteria for compulsory EPA referral with 'the potential to have a significant impact on the environment' . Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

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Wiles, Jennie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:23:49

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jennie Wiles
Sent	11/05/2021 5:23:49 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Jennie Wiles
Mowbray Park, New South Wales, 2571, Australia

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Wilkins, Andrew – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 05:01:58

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Andrew Wilkins
Sent	12/05/2021 5:01:58 AM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

As an annual visitor to the Territory- I would not want to see it destroyed/polluted, in any way shape or form, for a quick buck.

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Andrew Wilkins
North Tivoli, Queensland, 4305, Australia

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Wilkins, Lesley – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:25:30

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Lesley Wilkins
Sent	11/05/2021 4:25:30 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

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I have heard on many occasions of the detrimental effects of fracking on the water resources and aquifers on country. I feel that this project will have this sort of effect and strongly oppose it going ahead.

Yours sincerely

Lesley Wilkins

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Wilkinson, Karen – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:36:25

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From	Karen Wilkinson
Sent	11/05/2021 1:36:25 PM

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Karen Wilkinson

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Wilks, Genevieve – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 09:31:26

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From	Genevieve Wilks
Sent	12/05/2021 9:31:26 AM

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Yours sincerely,
Genevieve Wilks
Deptford, Victoria, 3875, Australia

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Williames, Evelyn – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:35:14

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From	Evelyn Williames
Sent	11/05/2021 12:35:14 PM

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Finally, I express my strong opposition to any Territory or Federal government funding being issued to Imperial/ Empire Energy to advance the proposed Work Program for EP187. Empire Energy is seeking government financial support through the Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program to advance this works program, yet has not shown good faith in releasing essential details of its proposed operations in EP187 to public scrutiny.

This fracking project must be subject to the full Federal assessment process and a Territory Environmental Impact Assessment.

Yours sincerely,

Evelyn Williamses

Highvale, Queensland, 4520, Australia

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Williams, Annette – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 20:24:27

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Annette Williams
Sent	18/05/2021 8:24:27 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

This proposal for seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental impacts. I'm concerned this fracking program is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants.

I believe the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project should be assessed at the Federal level, plus with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

The proposal includes 7 fracking wells and 6 new well pads. Fracking wells will be connected by a grid of roads and flow lines - pipelines carrying polluted waste fluid between frack sites. Well pads will be cleared, seismic lines cut across dry savannah woodland and traversing creeks. Pipelines and tracks will be constructed beside and over creeks.

In total, the proposal includes 150 hectares of land clearing. This clearing is not confined to a single area, but will scar a significant stretch of country. This will increase predation from feral animals and cause inundation by invasive species, which typically favour areas of disturbance.

Imperial is proposing to frack just 1.1km from a water bore. This is the minimum set back distance permitted, and does not leave much room for error. The Pepper Inquiry found that fracking within a kilometre of water bores poses an unacceptable risk of water contamination.

I'm very concerned about impacts on groundwater quality. The recent discovery of at least 11 new stygofauna species in the Cambrian Limestone Aquifer should trigger a halt to all fracking activity. Groundwater baseline testing and studies of aquifer connectivity must be completed. These new stygofauna species are crucial to keeping water clean and usable for us all. Fracking activities may put these species and groundwater at risk.

This fracking work schedule coincides with peak tourism season. The adverse economic impacts and road safety issues have not been properly considered. There are significant movements of holiday makers and cattle trucks along the Carpentaria Highway during the dry season. Increased traffic from the fracking fields, including heavy and oversized vehicles, puts other travellers at risk.

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This fracking project must be subject to the full Federal assessment process and a Territory Environmental Impact Assessment.

Yours sincerely,

Annette Williams

Sandringham, Victoria, 3191, Australia

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Williams, David – Wednesday, 19 May 2021 – 13:41:51

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	David Williams
Sent	19/05/2021 1:41:51 PM

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I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

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Yours sincerely,
David Williams

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Williams, Dawn – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:44:29

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Dawn Williams
Sent	11/05/2021 3:44:29 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Dawn Williams

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Williams, Yvonne – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:12:54

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Yvonne Williams
Sent	11/05/2021 4:12:54 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Yvonne Williams

Sandstone Point, Queensland, 4511, Australia

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Williamson, Lil – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 06:12:30

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Lil Williamson
Sent	12/05/2021 6:12:30 AM

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Yours sincerely,
Lil Williamson
East Barron, Queensland, 4883, Australia

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Wilson, Brian – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 20:40:47

Subject	I like many others strongly object to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Brian Wilson
Sent	12/05/2021 8:40:47 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Brian Wilson
The Entrance North, New South Wales, 2261, Australia

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Wilson, David – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 10:03:55

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From	David Wilson
Sent	12/05/2021 10:03:55 AM

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Yours sincerely,

David Wilson

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Wilson, Margaret – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:59:49

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Margaret Mairi Wilson
Sent	11/05/2021 6:59:49 PM

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This fracking project must be subject to the full Federal assessment process and a Territory Environmental Impact Assessment.

Yours sincerely,

Margaret Mairi Wilson

Clyde, New South Wales, 2142, Australia

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Wilson, Rachel – Saturday, 15 May 2021 – 10:50:01

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Rachel Wilson
Sent	15/05/2021 10:50:01 AM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

This proposal for seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental impacts. I'm concerned this fracking program is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants.

I believe the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project should be assessed at the Federal level, plus with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

The proposal includes 7 fracking wells and 6 new well pads. Fracking wells will be connected by a grid of roads and flow lines - pipelines carrying polluted waste fluid between frack sites. Well pads will be cleared, seismic lines cut across dry savannah woodland and traversing creeks. Pipelines and tracks will be constructed beside and over creeks.

In total, the proposal includes 150 hectares of land clearing. This clearing is not confined to a single area, but will scar a significant stretch of country. This will increase predation from feral animals and cause inundation by invasive species, which typically favour areas of disturbance.

Imperial is proposing to frack just 1.1km from a water bore. This is the minimum set back distance permitted, and does not leave much room for error. The Pepper Inquiry found that fracking within a kilometre of water bores poses an unacceptable risk of water contamination.

I'm very concerned about impacts on groundwater quality. The recent discovery of at least 11 new stygofauna species in the Cambrian Limestone Aquifer should trigger a halt to all fracking activity. Groundwater baseline testing and studies of aquifer connectivity must be completed. These new stygofauna species are crucial to keeping water clean and usable for us all. Fracking activities may put these species and groundwater at risk.

This fracking work schedule coincides with peak tourism season. The adverse economic impacts and road safety issues have not been properly considered. There are significant movements of holiday makers and cattle trucks along the Carpentaria Highway during the dry season. Increased traffic from the fracking fields, including heavy and oversized vehicles, puts other travellers at risk.

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Finally, I express my strong opposition to any Territory or Federal government funding being issued to Imperial/ Empire Energy to advance the proposed Work Program for EP187. Empire Energy is seeking government financial support through the Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program to advance this works program, yet has not shown good faith in releasing essential details of its proposed operations in EP187 to public scrutiny.

This fracking project must be subject to the full Federal assessment process and a Territory Environmental Impact Assessment.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Rachel Wilson

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Wilson, Susan – Friday, 14 May 2021 – 10:35:32

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Susan Wilson
Sent	14/05/2021 10:35:32 AM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

This proposal for seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental impacts. I'm concerned this fracking program is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants.

I believe the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project should be assessed at the Federal level, plus with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

The proposal includes 7 fracking wells and 6 new well pads. Fracking wells will be connected by a grid of roads and flow lines - pipelines carrying polluted waste fluid between frack sites. Well pads will be cleared, seismic lines cut across dry savannah woodland and traversing creeks. Pipelines and tracks will be constructed beside and over creeks.

In total, the proposal includes 150 hectares of land clearing. This clearing is not confined to a single area, but will scar a significant stretch of country. This will increase predation from feral animals and cause inundation by invasive species, which typically favour areas of disturbance.

Imperial is proposing to frack just 1.1km from a water bore. This is the minimum set back distance permitted, and does not leave much room for error. The Pepper Inquiry found that fracking within a kilometre of water bores poses an unacceptable risk of water contamination.

I'm very concerned about impacts on groundwater quality. The recent discovery of at least 11 new stygofauna species in the Cambrian Limestone Aquifer should trigger a halt to all fracking activity. Groundwater baseline testing and studies of aquifer connectivity must be completed. These new stygofauna species are crucial to keeping water clean and usable for us all. Fracking activities may put these species and groundwater at risk.

This fracking work schedule coincides with peak tourism season. The adverse economic impacts and road safety issues have not been properly considered. There are significant movements of holiday makers and cattle trucks along the Carpentaria Highway during the dry season. Increased traffic from the fracking fields, including heavy and oversized vehicles, puts other travellers at risk.

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This fracking project must be subject to the full Federal assessment process and a Territory Environmental Impact Assessment.

Yours sincerely,
Susan Wilson
Campbelltown North, New South Wales, 2560, Australia

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Wilson, Tom – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:01:24

Subject	Robust objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Tom Wilson
Sent	11/05/2021 1:01:24 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I wish to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

This proposal for seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental impacts, as detailed below. I'm concerned that this fracking program is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants.

I believe the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project should be assessed at the Federal level, plus with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

The proposal includes 7 fracking wells and 6 new well pads. Fracking wells will be connected by a grid of roads and flow lines - pipelines carrying polluted waste fluid between frack sites. Well pads will be cleared, seismic lines cut across dry savannah woodland and traversing creeks. Pipelines and tracks will be constructed beside and over creeks.

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I'm very concerned about impacts on groundwater quality. The recent discovery of at least 11 new stygofauna species in the Cambrian Limestone Aquifer should trigger a halt to all fracking activity. Groundwater baseline testing and studies of aquifer connectivity must be completed. These new stygofauna species are crucial to keeping water clean and usable for us all. Fracking activities may put these species and groundwater at risk.

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Finally, I express my strong opposition to any Territory or Federal government funding being issued to Imperial/ Empire Energy to advance the proposed Work Program for EP187. Empire Energy is seeking government financial support through the Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program to advance this works program, yet has not shown good faith in releasing essential details of its proposed operations in EP187 to public scrutiny.

This fracking project must be subject to the full Federal assessment process and a Territory Environmental Impact Assessment.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas Wilson

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Wilson, Wendy – Tuesday, 18 May 2021 – 10:26:55

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Wendy Wilson
Sent	18/05/2021 10:26:55 AM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

This proposal for seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental impacts. I'm concerned this fracking program is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants.

I believe the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project should be assessed at the Federal level, plus with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

The proposal includes 7 fracking wells and 6 new well pads. Fracking wells will be connected by a grid of roads and flow lines - pipelines carrying polluted waste fluid between frack sites. Well pads will be cleared, seismic lines cut across dry savannah woodland and traversing creeks. Pipelines and tracks will be constructed beside and over creeks.

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Yours sincerely,

Wendy Wilson

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Window, Josephine – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:28:03

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Josephine Window
Sent	11/05/2021 1:28:03 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

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Yours sincerely,

Josephine Window

Booyong, New South Wales, 2480, Australia

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Winnell, Jodie – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:42:27

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jodie Winnell
Sent	11/05/2021 12:42:27 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

This proposal for seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental impacts. I'm concerned this fracking program is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants.

I believe the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project should be assessed at the Federal level, plus with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

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Finally, I express my strong opposition to any Territory or Federal government funding being issued to Imperial/ Empire Energy to advance the proposed Work Program for EP187. Empire Energy is seeking government financial support through the Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program to advance this works program, yet has not shown good faith in releasing essential details of its proposed operations in EP187 to public scrutiny.

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Winston, Jerome – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:25:03

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jerome Winston
Sent	11/05/2021 8:25:03 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am extremely concerned about the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy to permit clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

This proposal for seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental impacts. I'm concerned this fracking program is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants.

I request that this project be assessed at the Federal level, with detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

The proposal includes 7 fracking wells and 6 new well pads. Fracking wells will be connected by a grid of roads and flow lines - pipelines carrying polluted waste fluid between frack sites. Well pads will be cleared, seismic lines cut across dry savannah woodland and traversing creeks. Pipelines and tracks will be constructed beside and over creeks.

In total, the proposal includes 150 hectares of land clearing. This clearing is not confined to a single area, but will impact a major expanse of country. Previous impact studies indicate such work will increase predation from feral animals and cause inundation by invasive species, which typically favour areas of disturbance.

Imperial is proposing to frack just 1.1km from a water bore. This is the minimum set back distance permitted, and does not leave much room for error.

The Pepper Inquiry found that fracking within a kilometre of water bores poses an unacceptable risk of water contamination.

I'm very concerned about impact on groundwater quality. The recent discovery of at least 11 new stygofauna species in the Cambrian Limestone Aquifer should trigger a halt to all fracking activity. Groundwater baseline testing and studies of aquifer connectivity must be completed. These new stygofauna species are crucial to keeping water clean and usable. Fracking activities may put these species and groundwater at risk.

Proposed fracking work coincides with peak tourism season. The adverse economic impacts and road safety issues need to be fully assessed. There are significant movements of holiday makers and cattle trucks along the Carpentaria Highway during the dry season. Increased traffic from the fracking fields, including heavy and oversized vehicles, puts other travellers at risk.

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This fracking project must be subject to the full Federal assessment process and a Territory Environmental Impact Assessment. I am counting on your ensuring this occurs.

Yours sincerely,

Jerome Winston

Montmorency, Victoria, 3094, Australia

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Winter, Mark – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:00:23

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Mark A. Winter
Sent	11/05/2021 1:00:23 PM

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I believe the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project should be assessed at the Federal level, plus with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

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I am a Mercury decontamination Specialist

Yours sincerely,

Mark A. Winter

Mercury Decontamination Specialist / Dip Project Mgt / OH&S

Eatons Hill, Queensland, 4037, Australia

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Sent	11/05/2021 5:19:05 PM

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Wong, Graham – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:30:05

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:30:05 PM

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Wong, John – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 23:26:01

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Sent	11/05/2021 11:26:01 PM

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John Wong

Wichita, Kansas, 67202, United States

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Woods, M – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 13:25:11

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From	M Woods
Sent	12/05/2021 1:25:11 PM

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Sent	11/05/2021 5:32:12 PM

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Adelaide, South Australia, 5000, Australia

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Worley, Esme – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:18:51

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Sent	11/05/2021 3:18:51 PM

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Esme Worley

Toongabbie East, New South Wales, 2146, Australia

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Wotherspoon, Gaye – Monday, 17 May 2021 – 16:36:46

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Sent	17/05/2021 4:36:46 PM

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The transport of chemicals, radioactive mud and fracking waste fluids via pipelines and trucks and their storage in open treatment tanks in a cyclone pathway presents a contamination risk. The proposed works area is in close proximity to the Limmen Bight River, which flows into Limmen Bight Marine National Park. There is a risk of fluids spilt during storage and transport flowing into the Limmen Bight.

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Finally, I express my strong opposition to any Territory or Federal government funding being issued to Imperial/ Empire Energy to advance the proposed Work Program for EP187. Empire Energy is seeking government financial support through the Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program to advance this works program, yet has not shown good faith in releasing essential details of its proposed operations in EP187 to public scrutiny.

This fracking project must be subject to the full Federal assessment process and a Territory Environmental Impact Assessment.

Yours sincerely,

Gaye Wotherspoon

Eighty Mile Beach, Western Australia, 6725, Australia

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Wright, Belinda – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:45:53

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Belinda Wright
Sent	11/05/2021 5:45:53 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

This proposal for seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental impacts. I'm concerned this fracking program is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants.

I believe the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project should be assessed at the Federal level, plus with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

The proposal includes 7 fracking wells and 6 new well pads. Fracking wells will be connected by a grid of roads and flow lines - pipelines carrying polluted waste fluid between frack sites. Well pads will be cleared, seismic lines cut across dry savannah woodland and traversing creeks. Pipelines and tracks will be constructed beside and over creeks.

In total, the proposal includes 150 hectares of land clearing. This clearing is not confined to a single area, but will scar a significant stretch of country. This will increase predation from feral animals and cause inundation by invasive species, which typically favour areas of disturbance.

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I'm very concerned about impacts on groundwater quality. The recent discovery of at least 11 new stygofauna species in the Cambrian Limestone Aquifer should trigger a halt to all fracking activity. Groundwater baseline testing and studies of aquifer connectivity must be completed. These new stygofauna species are crucial to keeping water clean and usable for us all. Fracking activities may put these species and groundwater at risk.

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Yours sincerely,
Belinda Wright

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Wright, Elizabeth – Thursday, 13 May 2021 – 12:19:23

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Elizabeth Wright
Sent	13/05/2021 12:19:23 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

Here we go again. I am still writing to government to ask them to stop the fracking . I am not happy paying my tax money into such exploration and destruction of my country. Only to be later told , my children will be picking up the pieces of the governments inaction. Worst thing of which, is that you will not be accountable for this criminal action. And it is criminal. Others who blatantly destroy the environment are accountable.

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

This proposal for seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental impacts. I'm concerned this fracking program is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants.

I believe the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project should be assessed at the Federal level, plus with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

The proposal includes 7 fracking wells and 6 new well pads. Fracking wells will be connected by a grid of roads and flow lines - pipelines carrying polluted waste fluid between frack sites. Well pads will be cleared, seismic lines cut across dry savannah woodland and traversing creeks. Pipelines and tracks will be constructed beside and over creeks.

In total, the proposal includes 150 hectares of land clearing. This make me physically ill. This clearing is not confined to a single area, but will scar a significant stretch of country. This will increase predation from feral animals and cause inundation by invasive species, which typically favour areas of disturbance.

Imperial is proposing to frack just 1.1km from a water bore. This is the minimum set back distance permitted, and does not leave much room for error. The Pepper Inquiry found that fracking within a kilometer of water bores poses an unacceptable risk of water contamination.

I'm very concerned about impacts on groundwater quality. The recent discovery of at least 11 new stygofauna species in the Cambrian Limestone Aquifer should trigger a halt to all fracking activity. Groundwater baseline testing and studies of aquifer connectivity must be completed. These new stygofauna species are crucial to keeping water clean and usable for us all. Fracking activities may put these species and groundwater at risk.

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Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Wright

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Wright, John – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 16:00:25

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	John Wright
Sent	11/05/2021 4:00:25 PM

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I believe the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project should be assessed at the Federal level, plus with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

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I'm very concerned about impacts on groundwater quality. The recent discovery of at least 11 new stygofauna species in the Cambrian Limestone Aquifer should trigger a halt to all fracking activity. Groundwater baseline testing and studies of aquifer connectivity must be completed. These new stygofauna species are crucial to keeping water clean and usable for us all. Fracking activities may put these species and groundwater at risk.

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This fracking project must be subject to the full Federal assessment process and a Territory Environmental Impact Assessment.

Yours sincerely,

John Wright

Havelock, Victoria, 3465, Australia

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Wright, Kay – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:50:11

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Kay Wright
Sent	11/05/2021 5:50:11 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

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This fracking project must be subject to the full Federal assessment process and a Territory Environmental Impact Assessment.

Yours sincerely,

Kay Wright

Mullumbimby, New South Wales, 2482, Australia

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Wunderer, Kirsten – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 18:06:20

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Kirsten Wunderer
Sent	12/05/2021 6:06:20 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

This proposal for seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental impacts. I'm concerned this fracking program is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants.

I believe the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project should be assessed at the Federal level, plus with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

The proposal includes 7 fracking wells and 6 new well pads. Fracking wells will be connected by a grid of roads and flow lines - pipelines carrying polluted waste fluid between frack sites. Well pads will be cleared, seismic lines cut across dry savannah woodland and traversing creeks. Pipelines and tracks will be constructed beside and over creeks.

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Imperial is proposing to frack just 1.1km from a water bore. This is the minimum set back distance permitted, and does not leave much room for error. The Pepper Inquiry found that fracking within a kilometre of water bores poses an unacceptable risk of water contamination.

I'm very concerned about impacts on groundwater quality. The recent discovery of at least 11 new stygofauna species in the Cambrian Limestone Aquifer should trigger a halt to all fracking activity. Groundwater baseline testing and studies of aquifer connectivity must be completed. These new stygofauna species are crucial to keeping water clean and usable for us all. Fracking activities may put these species and groundwater at risk.

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Wylie, Ken – Saturday, 15 May 2021 – 23:25:23

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Ken Wylie
Sent	15/05/2021 11:25:23 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

The Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.concerns me greatly. Especially as there can be terrible environmental consequences from fracking.

The proposal for seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental impacts. I'm concerned this fracking program is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants.

I believe the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project should be assessed at the Federal level, plus with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

Imperial Oil's proposal includes 7 fracking wells and 6 new well pads. The beautiful environment in this area will never be the same - let alone what damage could be done to the underwater system.The wells will be connected by a grid of roads and flow lines - with the pipelines carrying polluted waste fluid between frack sites. Well pads will be cleared, seismic lines cut across dry savannah woodland and traversing creeks. Pipelines and tracks will be constructed beside and over creeks.

Altogether, the proposal includes 150 hectares of land clearing. This clearing is not confined to a single area, but will scar a significant stretch of country. This will increase predation from feral animals and cause inundation by invasive species, which typically favour areas of disturbance.

Imperial is proposing to frack just 1.1km from a water bore. This is the minimum set back distance permitted, and does not leave much room for error. The Pepper Inquiry found that fracking within a kilometre of water bores poses an unacceptable risk of water contamination.

I'm very concerned about impacts on groundwater quality. Water nowadays is a threatened commodity. No one should be able to put our groundwater at risk. This is cavalier environmental planning.

This fracking project must be subject to the full Federal assessment process and a Territory Environmental Impact Assessment.

Yours sincerely,
Ken Wylie
Bramley, Western Australia, 6285, Australia

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Wylie, Sally – Saturday, 15 May 2021 – 23:29:40

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Sally Wylie
Sent	15/05/2021 11:29:40 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I am angry regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

This proposal for seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory should never happen. The history of fracking is fraught with frightening environmental damage from fracking . I'm concerned this fracking program is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants.

I believe the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project should be assessed at the Federal level, plus with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

I reiterate:

This fracking project must be subject to the full Federal assessment process and a Territory Environmental Impact Assessment.

Yours sincerely,

sally Wylie

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WYNNE, LEONIE – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 17:27:37

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	LEONIE WYNNE
Sent	11/05/2021 5:27:37 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

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This proposal for seven new fracking wells in the Northern Territory will have significant combined environmental impacts. I'm concerned this fracking program is not receiving the regulatory scrutiny it warrants.

I believe the scale of this project is beyond the scope of the NT EMP process. This project should be assessed at the Federal level, plus with the detailed involvement of the NT EPA through a full environmental impact assessment.

The proposal includes 7 fracking wells and 6 new well pads. Fracking wells will be connected by a grid of roads and flow lines - pipelines carrying polluted waste fluid between frack sites. Well pads will be cleared, seismic lines cut across dry savannah woodland and traversing creeks. Pipelines and tracks will be constructed beside and over creeks.

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I'm very concerned about impacts on groundwater quality. The recent discovery of at least 11 new stygofauna species in the Cambrian Limestone Aquifer should trigger a halt to all fracking activity. Groundwater baseline testing and studies of aquifer connectivity must be completed. These new stygofauna species are crucial to keeping water clean and usable for us all. Fracking activities may put these species and groundwater at risk.

This fracking work schedule coincides with peak tourism season. The adverse economic impacts and road safety issues have not been properly considered. There are significant movements of holiday makers and cattle trucks along the Carpentaria Highway during the dry season. Increased traffic from the fracking fields, including heavy and oversized vehicles, puts other travellers at risk.

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Finally, I express my strong opposition to any Territory or Federal government funding being issued to Imperial/ Empire Energy to advance the proposed Work Program for EP187. Empire Energy is seeking government financial support through the Beetaloo Cooperative Drilling Program to advance this works program, yet has not shown good faith in releasing essential details of its proposed operations in EP187 to public scrutiny.

This fracking project must be subject to the full Federal assessment process and a Territory Environmental Impact Assessment.

Yours sincerely,

LEONIE WYNNE

Falcon, Western Australia, 6210, Australia

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Wynter, Jo – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:42:46

Subject	I strongly object to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jo Wynter
Sent	11/05/2021 2:42:46 PM

Dear Hon Minister Lawler, Hon Minister Sussan Ley, and Independent Officer Dr David Ritchie,

I lived in the Territory for years and love it!

So I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) submitted by Imperial Oil and Gas/ Empire Energy for clearing and fracking activity on Exploration Permit 187.

This proposal is ridiculous.

In total, the proposal includes 150 hectares of land clearing. This clearing is not confined to a single area, but will scar a significant stretch of country. This will increase predation from feral animals and cause inundation by invasive species, which typically favour areas of disturbance.

Imperial is proposing to frack just 1.1km from a water bore. Fracking so close to a water bore risks of water contamination.

There are so many problems This fracking work schedule coincides with peak tourism season. The adverse economic impacts and road safety issues have not been properly considered. There are significant movements of holiday makers and cattle trucks along the Carpentaria Highway during the dry season. Increased traffic from the fracking fields, including heavy and oversized vehicles, puts other travellers at risk.

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Yours sincerely,

Jo Wynter

Cooktown, Queensland, 4895, Australia

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Wysser, Jessica – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:32:58

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Jessica Wysser
Sent	11/05/2021 8:32:58 PM

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Jessica Wysser

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Xerri, Jean-Christophe – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:15:28

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From	Jean-Christophe Xerri
Sent	11/05/2021 12:15:28 PM

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Jean-Christophe Xerri
Coromandel Valley, South Australia, 5051, Australia

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Yanz, Kate – Wednesday, 12 May 2021 – 12:10:13

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Kate Yanz
Sent	12/05/2021 12:10:13 PM

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Yours sincerely,
Kate Yanz
Wirrimbi, New South Wales, 2447, Australia

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Yarwood, Sharon – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 19:57:46

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Sharon Yarwood
Sent	11/05/2021 7:57:46 PM

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Do you realise how much precious water the filthy, destructive industry of fracking uses, how much it poisons, how it causes earthquakes. It's absolutely disgusting what we are doing to this world and this is one of the worst industries imaginable and should be banned worldwide.

Yours sincerely,
Sharon Yarwood
Julimar, Western Australia, 6567, Australia

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Yee, Vera – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 13:41:44

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Vera Yee
Sent	11/05/2021 1:41:44 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Vera Yee

Himas Platypus, New South Wales, 2060, Australia

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Yeomans, Andy – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 15:33:28

Subject	Strong objection to Imperial 2021-2025 EP187 Work Program EMP
From	Andy Yeomans
Sent	11/05/2021 3:33:28 PM

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Why does this government persist in its obsession with fossil fuels when it has been proven that renewable energy can provide reliable clean energy, more sustainable jobs and minimal environmental impact? The high level of fugitive emissions from fracked wells have been well documented by Southern Cross University, Lismore. To allow more of this is criminal insanity with the radical climate changes happening now due to increased greenhouse gasses.

Please encourage new forms of energy export such as clean hydrogen. The technology exists now. Carbon capture is unproven and expensive..

For us and our children's' future.

Yours sincerely,

Andy Yeomans

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Young, Peter – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 14:56:05

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From	Peter Young
Sent	11/05/2021 2:56:05 PM

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Zam, Darian – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:18:17

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From	Darian Zam
Sent	11/05/2021 12:18:17 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Darian Zam

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Zandstra, Robert – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 18:39:59

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From	Robert Zandstra
Sent	11/05/2021 6:39:59 PM

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Robert Zandstra

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Zegenhagen, Kim – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 12:13:32

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Sent	11/05/2021 12:13:32 PM

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Zeinstra, Jenny – Tuesday, 11 May 2021 – 20:35:44

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From	Jenny Zeinstra
Sent	11/05/2021 8:35:44 PM

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Yours sincerely,

Jenny Zeinstra

Cheltenham East, Victoria, 3192, Australia

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Zinsli, Alison – Saturday, 15 May 2021 – 22:08:37

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Sent	15/05/2021 10:08:37 PM

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