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**RE: Submission to The Commission of Inquiry – Montara Well Head Platform
Uncontrolled Hydrocarbon Release**

I strongly believe there should be no further expansion of the petroleum industry on the North-West shelf of Australia's Kimberley region until such time as:

1. A network of marine parks with large sanctuaries is established in the Kimberley region to serve as protection from events like the West Atlas oil spill (Term of Reference 10);
2. It can be shown that proposals for expansion of the North-West petroleum industry are fully compliant with binding national climate change policies and targets (Term of Reference 11);
3. Faster response time mechanisms and improved oil spill procedures are developed and adopted – with strong independent compliance enforcement. (Term of Reference 8)

The long length of time the recent WA spill to clean up I believe was appalling as was the lack of concern show by the Rudd government. There seemed to be very little sense of urgency to get this mess fixed and very little care or understand about the daily damage being done to marine eco systems. I believe this perceived mind set of those in charge is out of touch with Australians generally.

Yours Sincerely,

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