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

Due to serious environmental concerns I believe that there should be no expansion of the petroleum industry on the North-West shelf of Australia's until:

1. The Australian Government, when allowing expansion of the petroleum industry in the Northwest ensures that all carbon emissions arising from petroleum projects are offset with carbon reduction in other areas or by protection of forests to offset the emissions.

The people of Australia have little control over the approval of these projects and can't prevent the increased emissions that results from these projects going ahead. We need to know that the government is acting in good faith by ensuring any increase in emissions is offset by other reduction measures.

2. A marine park network with a large percentage gazetted as sanctuary be established in the Kimberley to help protect the environment from events like the West Atlas oil spill

Yours Sincerely,

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