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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 Government authorities should have adequate control of off shore enterprises Particularly if undertaken by non Australian companies so that adequate and timely measures are previously established to take care of such untoward event.

Yours Sincerely,

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