

16th December 2009

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Dear Dr Borthwick,

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

It is my strong belief that there should be no further expansion of the petroleum industry on the North-West shelf of Australia's Kimberley region until such time as:

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);

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 the worlds best climate scientists say that to give the planet the best chance of avoiding catastrophic climate change then we need to limit global warming to at the most 20c. Development of the Browse Basin gas resource off the Kimberley coast alone will create a minimum of 10 million metric tones of carbon emissions each year for Australia and prevent Australia from reaching its targets and meeting its global climate change responsibilities. (Term of Reference 11);

Faster response time mechanisms and improved oil spill procedures are developed and adopted – with strong independent compliance enforcement. (Term of Reference 8)

Yours Sincerely,
Jaden Harris