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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)

This is an industry which is damaging both locally and globally, for the natural and human environment. With our climate at the brink of crisis, petroleum is precisely what we should *not* be investing in! It would be most sensible and responsible to immediately phase out all industries involved in the extraction of fossil fuels, and to instead invest in renewable energy.

In solidarity with life on earth,

Lachlan Marshall