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

I strongly support the submission of the Wilderness Society to the Commission focusing on:

1. The lack of protection of our pristine Kimberley marine waters and the national and global significance of marine wilderness.
2. The impact of developing a huge new petroleum industry on Australia's moral and global responsibility in reducing carbon emissions for the prevention of further climate change.
3. The failure of the petroleum industry to adequately prevent and then address Australia's worst rig oil spill in a timely fashion.

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).

Yours Sincerely,

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