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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)
4. I have been up there twice, please leave it alone, it is 1 of the last escapes. We as custodians of this planet are doing a very poor job. If we were being examined by an independent adjudicator we would fail miserably.
5. We are fond of teaching our kids to be responsible, what about us, stop the use of oil for energy and use the alternatives. We are too well off and do not realize it, at the expense of poorer nations and other living things.
6. Are we deliberately trying to destroy ourselves and everything else, STOP NOW.

Yours Sincerely,

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