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

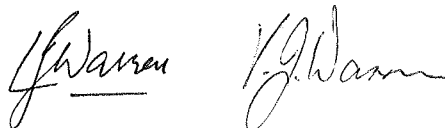
The Kimberley coast and adjacent waters are very important to us as individuals and to Australia and indeed the whole world. It is disgraceful that protection of this area is so woefully inadequate. We have heard rumors that the Atlas rig was not following proper safety procedures from the beginning. If this is true, then industry regulators should have known this and acted before the spill and fire.

In any case there is no excuse for the poor response that occurred after the event.

We 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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Len and Valerie Warren.