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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)

Please consider marine sanctuaries – no go areas – for this region to protect the amazing marine wildlife here. Eco tourism would be much more profitable and keep this region alive and healthy, whereas the oil and gas industry can only bring short term profits and create environmental disaster. Australia has an incredible marine wonderland around it's entire coastline. We could be the best tourist destination in the world for nature interested visitors. We have so much to draw these tourists here, let's build on that and help protect our environment for the future.

Yours Sincerely,

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