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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); This appalling type of event continues to be repeated ad nauseum in various part of the world, it is time human being realised and acted according to our responsibilities as one species amongst millions on the planet. We have no right to degrade, pollute or destroy eco-systems.
2. It can be shown without question 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. Not just faster, but adequate and prompt, response time mechanisms and improved oil spill procedures are developed and adopted – with strong independent compliance enforcement. (Term of Reference 8)

Yours Sincerely,

Linda Zibell

Your Name /Position