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Submission contents:

Please accept this submission on the referral of the Carpentaria Pilot Production project by Imperial Oil and Gas. This submission addresses the potential environmental impacts of the Carpentaria Pilot Production project. A comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is advocated for due to the project's significant long-term implications. Greenhouse Gas Emissions: The claim that emissions will be mitigated by the sale of appraisal gas is misleading. The overall climate impact remains unchanged, and the referral lacks details on emission locations and their environmental risks. Water and Biodiversity: The project's documentation underestimates the effects on water resources, biodiversity, and climate change. Critical information on groundwater testing, surface water hydrology, and wastewater management is absent, hindering proper risk assessment. Indigenous Consultation: The referral's assertion of 'no significant impact' predates necessary consultations with Traditional Owners, whose insights into biodiversity and water impacts are crucial. The material provided by Imperial Oil and Gas is deficient and fails to address key environmental concerns. It is imperative that the NT EPA receives a full EIS to ensure informed decision-making aligned with the objective of net zero emissions by 2050.