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### Submission contents:

I have lived and worked in Ali Curung and have serious concerns regarding the Singleton Station Water Licence. I call on the Government to uphold due diligence and put people over profit.

I urgently intervene and protect the rare and vitally important groundwater ecosystems of the central desert. This water cannot be replenished. Once it's taken, it's gone. Lives will be lost for fruits and vegetables or livestock being reared in inhabitable circumstances.

The government needs to act in the interest of its constituents not investment companies. The government needs to take direction from the Traditional Owners, senior Elders and community members who express their opposition.

I am writing to join my voice with the unanimous demands coming from the remote community of Ali Curung in the NT to immediately stop the largest fresh groundwater licence for irrigation in Australia - the Singleton Station Water Licence.

As you are aware, the Singleton Station Water Licence proposes to take up to 40,000 ML/year of shallow groundwater. The Western Davenport Water Allocation Plan - within which the Singleton project sits - does not meet National Water Initiative Standards. It will allow up to 30% of groundwater dependent ecosystems in the region to be damaged or destroyed.

The voice of Ali Curung community must be heard and acted upon.

I the government needs to expand the scope of the water trigger established through the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) (EPBC Act) to include irrigation projects and lobby the Northern Territory Government to revoke the Singleton Station Water Licence

In addition, insisr that the draft Western Davenport Water Allocation Plan is re-written in accordance with the National Water Initiative Standards.

As Water Justice Project director, Maureen Nampijinpa O'Keefe, said to the ABC last week, "I want people to listen to our pleas for help. This is life-threatening. Water is life. No water, no life... This is about people's lives, this is about human rights... The impact will be devastating, and [if this goes ahead] we will hold the government responsible for the damage."

Thank you for considering my concerns.

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