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Dear Dr Paul Vogel,

I have lived in Mparntwe for 55 years and my husband was born here. We love this country, the desert landscape and amazing vegetation and creatures that inhabit it. We also have great respect for the Traditional Owners, their love of country and the many sacred sites so important to their culture and life.

We all know that WATER is the mainstay of life, and in our region that water is mostly groundwater, old and precious and the basis for the existence of everything here.

We were shocked and disappointed to learn that a Company (for us of unknown origin) has plans to develop a huge area on Singleton Station for horticulture, one of the largest developments of this kind in Australia, and in order for this to go ahead requires one of Australia's largest water licenses!

First of all we were horrified to learn that the NT Government had approved the license in spite of and without serious reference to, the many thousands of informed and knowledgeable petitioners who submitted protests.

Dr Vogel, I know you are fully aware of the concerns and uncertainties imposed by this enormous project. I am asking you to ensure that environmental approval does not proceed any further without the highest and most rigorous form of scrutiny - a TIER 3 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT.

Thank you for considering my request and I am waiting anxiously for the NT Environment Protection Authority's, and your, response.

Sincerely,  
Sue O'Callaghan