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As a grandparent, a birdwatcher and long-term Territorian, I am greatly concerned about the changes I see in the Territory's climate and the increasing impact of global heating. I fear for the future of my grandchildren in a world of climate disasters and job losses. I dread the increasing loss of wildlife due to rapid climatic changes and human greed. I am making this submission about the proposed Project Ares data centre and gas power station at Murrniji Station because they will contribute to and exacerbate damage already occurring. They will add to the climate and environmental problems the Territory faces in years to come. The human population of the world cannot exist without nature. Our food grows in the natural environment and depends on the world's other inhabitants. No living things can live without water or thrive with imbalance in their environment. This proposal will clearly affect both - but the extent of that hasn't been fully assessed. We cannot allow a new industrial use of land or water without proper assessment of its impact on every other system. For example, this new industry would involve clearing of huge areas of land. It would have huge and rapid impact on our water resources, which are already under pressure. That would affect other already existing industries like tourism and pastoral uses, the backbone of the Territory's payroll. It would affect air quality, create local pollution and heat islands, potentially ruin popular waterholes and natural springs, ruin the fishing - and yet Territorians are expected to allow this while our government has not yet committed to full assessments of its major impacts. Whatever the proposal: We must stop burning fossil fuels! I strongly oppose any new use of fossil fuels to support any industrial activity at all, and I do not accept that this rush to development is necessary. As an added insult, it seems this proposal offers few jobs and nothing but harm to Territorians. All the benefits would go to overseas based multinationals and their investors - who will feel none of the harms. Our NT government is letting Territorians down badly. Please go back to the precautionary principle! And please do NOT contribute to fracking! I respectfully ask the NT EPA to ensure proper assessments of all environmental effects are required in the Terms of Reference and thought through properly as a whole and in full before any decision is made. Please remember that the recommendations from the Pepper inquiry included provisos and protections that have been overridden or watered down. And please don't let this issue be taken over by commercial considerations. Thank you for considering my submission. Jean McDonald NT

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