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As a parent based in the Central Coast NSW, I am writing to object to the proposed Project Ares data centre and gas power station at Murrarji Station. My children and grandchildren need their interests to be protected by our government, as the corporations are never going to do that unless government forces them- these interests include having a living planet (like we adults inherited) with the water and space for wildlife to flourish (like we inherited). It is the government's role and responsibility to ensure proposals are safe for present and future citizens and all living things. Lake Woods lies downstream of this project, in the same catchment, and supports enormous numbers of waterbirds and migratory shorebirds. Nothing in the referral examines what the project's runoff and creek crossings would do to it. -I oppose this unless the NT EPA requires assessment of the project's impacts on Lake Woods and the creeks that feed it, and the proposers show how it will be protected. Project Ares would run on a gas plant of about 1,000 MW, bigger than the Territory's main power station, yet the referral will not say where the gas comes from. In this region, new gas means fracked Beetaloo shale gas. -The project should not proceed until the source of the gas is disclosed and its full lifecycle emissions assessed, including the upstream fracking. Up to 4 billion litres of water a year would be drawn from the Cambrian Limestone Aquifer for this one project, a large share of the region's allocation, on top of the demands of other users. -I oppose this unless the NT EPA requires a full assessment of whether this level of groundwater extraction is sustainable before any approval. Assessing the data centre on its own hides its true footprint: it relies on a gas pipeline and is tied to a neighbouring ammonia project, and splitting these apart understates the combined impact. -The project should not be signed off until the NT EPA requires that the whole project and its connected parts, including the gas pipeline and the ammonia plant, be assessed together rather than piece by piece- and the proposers show how the environment will be protected across all its parts. The studies supporting the referral are largely desktop-based and leave the creek corridors and downstream areas unsurveyed. -I oppose this unless the NT EPA requires field surveys across the full project footprint, in appropriate seasons, before the scope and level of assessment are locked in. I do not believe this project should be approved until these matters are fully and independently assessed. I call on the NT EPA to require them in the Terms of Reference before any decision is made. Thank you for considering my submission. Liz Bassett

Central Coast NSW

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