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## Submission contents

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As a Territory resident, a parent, a business owner and I am a General Practitioner and educator, highly concerned about the health of the communities in the regions physically effected and the populations effected in the downstream, based in Rapid Creek, I am writing to object to the proposed Project Ares data centre and gas power station at Murrnaji Station. I have taught in the Barkly supporting the training of doctors. I have seen the biodiversity in the region and have friends and colleagues living there. The dry conditions sustain ecosystems that help to reduce land erosion from wind and fire. The NT is my home and our family has been raised here. We love the country and incredible seasons that change across the region. There is poor understanding of the need for the data centre generally, that would sacrifice such incredible unique country. The matter of poor appreciation of the cultural significance of this land is a huge issue too. The project's creeks drain about 80 km to Lake Woods, a nationally important wetland that fills with up to 116,000 waterbirds. The referral admits the connection but has not assessed the downstream effect. What is the relative value of the environment and all it sustains vs the potential data centre? This must not be approved until the NT EPA requires assessment of the project's impacts on Lake Woods and the creeks that feed. We are in a time of critical planning for our resources needs and building a data centre without appreciating the impact on the gas and water of our region, is ill informed and poor judgement. Water and gas are not in unlimited supply and the ecosystems supported are in balance that needs consideration. I object unless the NT EPA requires that the source of the gas be disclosed and its full lifecycle emissions assessed, including the upstream fracking. Up to 4 billion litres a year would be drawn from the Cambrian Limestone Aquifer for this one project, above the demands of cotton, petroleum and a co-located ammonia plant. What investigation has been done to appreciate the impact? The project should not proceed until the NT EPA requires a full, cumulative assessment of whether this level of groundwater extraction is sustainable before any approval. The project can clear or disturb up to 19,150 hectares, an area roughly 14 km across. Our land is vital for temperature balance and sustainable populations. The flora and fauna depend on the biodiversity which exists in our lands. The project should not be signed off until the NT EPA requires that the assessment be carried out against the full maximum footprint, with any later reduction made a binding condition of approval rather than an assumption. 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. Emma Kennedy Rapid Creek

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