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Australia and the Northern Territory cannot afford the TOXIC LEGACY of the Carpentaria Pilot Production project. If approved, this fracking proposal would: Use 950 million litres of precious groundwater, Create 35 million litres of toxic wastewater for EACH WELL that will need to somehow be safely disposed of, and Produce hundreds of thousands of downstream carbon emissions every year. It wastefully reduces and unnecessarily risks contamination of the ONLY ACCESSIBLE COMMUNITY WATER RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN REMOTE AND REGIONAL AUSTRALIA. The fracking process is also disruptive of underground water systems and their pathways. This would mean areas once capable of supplying water sources are broken, smashed beyond repair, endangering whole environments capacity to survive with the sudden loss of regular, reliable water availability. As one of the driest continents on the Planet it is unconscionable for any Australian government to be so flagrantly frivolous with regard to such an essential part of Every Environment's Survival. Fracking perpetuates the Carbon Emissions Cycle that is currently crushing the Global Environment with Global Warming and flies in the face of all recommended warnings from International Scientists and the United Nations. Already, Australia's fluctuating Weather Patterns are causing chaos in numerous communities across the country, from flooding to fires in cities and towns, while other regions look for water. Across the Planet, similar stories unfold, increasing temperatures and unusual weather systems creating problems for communities on an unprecedented scale of community devastation and frequency. With Plastic our next greatest threat to Environmental Health, the greater part of "fracking" production goes towards increasing Plastic Production. Another mad race down the hill towards extinction, as plastic microparticle after plastic microparticle now makes their way around the food chain and becomes part of the direct consumption of every living thing. It's profits before awareness of the exact impact "re-designing our food" will eventually have on EVERY LIVING FORM, from the smallest of oceanic phytoplankton/zooplankton to its consumption by whales and other oceanic species. With the "other oceanic species" working their way up the food chain to human consumption. We have already seen the grim reality of contamination through the food chain making certain species dangerously inedible. Yet again, the knowledge of Traditional Owners and their enduring concerns for the sustainability of their Country is "allowed to be ignored" in the pursuit of a false economy. A false economy that has no value for precious water, or for sustainable development, and for a group of companies that offer little tangible contribution to Australia despite all of the "profits" they are managing to amass by their TOXIC WORK HABITS. Allowing this project to go ahead, that has the potential to have a significant impact on the environment and Imperial and Gas should be required to prepare a full Environmental Impact Statement, or at the very least a Supplementary Environment Report, one that includes Impacts on Global Warming and Plastic Pollution. Australia and the World cannot survive continuous TOXIC DEPREDATIONS UPON THE ENVIRONMENT without severe and debilitating consequences, endangering ALL LIFE.