

BAN FRACKING, PROTECT COUNTRY

Statement from the Aboriginal Fracking Forum, 19 November 2017

We speak from Aboriginal communities right across the Territory.
And we have come together to take a stand against fracking.

And we say no. We say no to fracking on our land, on our country.

We are concerned about the damage to our water, our country,
our dreaming and our songlines.

This damage would be irreversible.

We don't want to see our rivers and waters poisoned. We want to be
able to fish and hunt, gather bush tucker and bush medicines now and
for all generations of people to come.

We have been told lies by gas companies, telling us there will be
no impacts. That there will be one or two frack wells, not a gas field
with hundreds or even thousands of wells.

Other states in Australia have banned fracking and so have many
nations around the world because it's so risky.

We refuse to be lied to anymore.

We know that fracking will bring chemicals that will contaminate our
water and damage our health. Drilling in one area has a bigger impact
than just that place. It will damage neighboring language groups on
country and the entire water system.

We want our water to be clean and healthy. For all of us.

People and country are one and the same, any damage to our country
impacts us, our identity and who we are.

We will not be divided by others who do not understand
the lore of the land.

We will stand strong and stand together. We will do what it takes to see
a permanent ban on fracking, there will be no sacrifice zones.

We represent a growing movement of Aboriginal people coming
together to stop fracking and protect country.

We call on this Government to hear us and to take action.

We stand together, and we will do what we must to protect our
country for future generations. Because without water and without
clean country none of us can survive.

We are here and we are not going away until you hear us.