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To: <u>environment policy</u>

Subject: Greenhouse Gas Emissions Offset Policy draft submission

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I am writing to officially lodge a submission for the Territory's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Offset Policy draft on behalf of Fridays For Future Central Oz.

We are a small group of families with young children residing in Alice Springs. We are seriously concerned about the effects of climate change on our children's futures.

Offsets are a last resort to deal with emissions that can't be avoided, and should be used accordingly. Not as loopholes to allow more than one billion tonnes of greenhouse gases to be emitted from our Territory. The IPCC and International Energy Agency have clearly stated that there can be no new gas fields if we are to stay below 1.5 degrees of warming and avoid runaway climate change. By ignoring these reports, you are shamelessly and unnecessarily risking the future of our children and grandchildren. Weak and meaningless offset policies do next to nothing to mitigate the well documented risks.

We strongly urge you to think of the future of all children, especially those of the Northern Territory disproportionately experiencing hardship, and not allow fracking to go ahead.

Regards, Peta Baillie Fridays For Future Central Oz Desert Springs, NT 0870