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SUBMISSION TO THE NSW INDEPENDENT BUSHFIRE INQUIRY

I am writing to the NSW Bushfire Independent Inquiry to make submission in relation to the bushfires that occurred in NSW in 2019, which also applies to bushfires that occurred in the other Australian states at the same time. The submission is also based on some of my views and my own experiences as well.

I agree that my submission be published and made public, however I would like to request from you that my name, my address, my phone, also my email address, be kept as confidential information. This is for the reason of my safety and security. I have been reporting, also pursuing in court proceedings, some serious irregularities in the agencies of the NSW Government and in some departments of the Australian Government, also with other entities; and as a result of it I have been subjected to criminal attacks, including physical attacks on me. For these reasons, I am requesting that the information for my personal identification be kept as confidential information.

My story

Approximately seven or eight years ago I intended to relocate from Sydney in the area between Nowra and Batemans Bay in NSW. I have undertaken number of trips in this area and I inspected number of properties that were advertised for renting. I also had long walks around this area to better familiarized myself with the area. I made some residential tenancy applications, however, in the end I decided not to relocate in this area. One of the main reasons for my decision not to relocate in this area was that I noticed signs of illegal gas fracking that was associated with nearly any property I inspected in this area. I was concerned for the impact that the gas fracking might have on my health and the health of my partner at the time. I was also very much concerned about the impact that this widely spread illegal gas fracking on the private properties that has been allowed in NSW might have significant impact on any bushfire in that area, which is surrounded by forest and trees in the close proximities.

In 2019, my concerns about potential unstoppable bushfires from the illegal gas fracking in this area were manifested when I saw the apocalyptic images of the bushfires that occurred in 2019 and lasted until 2020. From the images that were shown through the media, it's hard to even imagine the enormity of the suffering of the residents in the areas affected by these bushfires. This has been

unprecedented suffering, which after all I consider that the Berejiklian Government has not taken seriously enough.

I consider that the main reason behind these unstoppable bushfires was the illegal gas fracking that has been allowed in NSW. My view about the impact of illegal gas fracking on these bushfires is outlined further below in the other parts of this submission.

I have been researching, including on the basis of my own experience, the devastating impacts of the illegal gas fracking that has been allowed in NSW, and I am of the opinion that it's critical that some radical changes about this issue are introduced as soon as possible. I am also of the opinion that Berejiklian Government has completely failed to either monitor, prevent, or enforce the illegal gas fracking in NSW, which has had some devastating consequences, including the unstoppable bushfires and other residential fires in NSW.

I believe that it's critical that open discussion is allowed about the illegal gas fracking not just in NSW, but in all other states and territories of Australia. I also intend to refer this matter for consideration by the Australian Government as well.

1.1 Causes and contributing factors

I consider that one of the main causes and one of the main contributing factors for the enormous bushfires that occurred in NSW and other states in Australia is gas fracking, and in particular the illegal gas fracking.

The images and media reports that these bushfires were going sometimes for approximately 60 or 70 meters above the trees, have only confirmed to me that the main reason behind these unstoppable bushfires was the gas associated with gas fracking or illegal gas fracking, and not the climate change as it was widely reported. (See the article by the Guardian in Annexure A of this submission]. Please also consider photos in Annexure C of this submission.

If the gas fracking has been able to create fire in the rivers, the gas fracking is certainly a reason behind the bushfires in NSW. Please see the images in Annexure B of this submissions that show the fire on Condamine River in Queensland that has been caused by gas fracking in the surrounding areas.

There were such enormous fires that were not be able to be stopped with the most technologically advanced equipment. These were the fires that were spreading not just through the forest and trees, but in the populated areas without being able to be stopped. These facts and the images of the bushfires undeniably confirm that the presence of gas should be considered as a factor behind these bushfire. However, I am concerned that neither the media, nor anyone from the NSW Government have even question the factor of gas fracking, or illegal gas fracking, in such enormous catastrophe where large number of people have also tragically lost their lives.

I have been very much surprised that in such enormous tragedy, where anything that have potential to cause fire should have been seriously and scientifically investigated as a cause of these bushfires, the gas fracking and illegal gas fracking in NSW has not even been noticed as a cause for these bushfires.

I am also of the view that the cause for these bushfires has been politicized, and unproportioned attention has been given to climate change without any sound or reasonable justification. I consider that putting attention primarily on climate change as a cause for the bushfires has been very unsound approach by the Berejiklian Government.

I also consider that the unproportioned attention to climate change as a factor behind the bushfires has been given for the financial benefit of the foreign corporation, and that the lives of the Australian citizens, and the safety and security of the Australian citizens, have been compromised in this way.

I have done a compressive research about the illegal gas fracking in NSW since 2009, as I was a victim of it. I lived in a rented unit in Coogee, NSW 2034, when I first time noticed that some organized illegal gas fracking was carried out under the building in which I was renting the unit. This was usually occurring between 03:00 am and 06:00 am in the morning. I later noticed the same illegal gas fracking activities were conducted at the property I rented in Clovelly, NSW 2031; at the property I rented in Randwick, NSW 2031; at the property I rented at McMahons Point, NSW 2060; at the property I rented at Rockdale, NSW 2216 ; and I am noticing the same signs at the property I currently rent in [REDACTED]

I further noticed that the illegal gas fracking on the properties in NSW is used to illegally produced electricity, which is also illegally connected to the rented units. So, I have personally received electricity and gas bills that were not genuine, and I believe that my payments of these bills were stolen by third parties. I started investigating this after I disconnected my gas and electricity at one of the above properties, however the electricity and gas bills continued to be issued to me. So, this is also a reason for increased prices of gas and electricity in NSW and in Australia.

The main problems with this illegally produced gas and electricity from the illegal gas fracking, is that it causes sudden explosions on gas stoves, also the electricity produces frequent explosions of light globes. I have personally experienced all this, and attempted to stop suddenly erupted fires on my stove. All these have huge potential to cause major fires. I believe that NSW Fire Brigades are aware about this, as fire brigades are frequently called at the units where illegal gas fracking exists. However, it seems that no one has been able to do anything about it, as in my view the NSW Government has done nothing about these illegal gas fracking activities. I have also impression that the Berejiklian Government, also some officers from the NSW Police Force, are supporting and covering up these illegal activities that have potential to cause major fires and explosions not just in rural areas, but in Sydney as well.

The process of illegal gas fracking activities is also using sewerage pipes in the buildings for their activities when people sleep at night, and they have pipes installed underground of public parks, which are used for the gas fracking activities. I believe that these pipe systems underground of public parks might have also been the major cause for spreading the bushfires, as the flames might have reached the gas in these illegally built pipe systems for gas fracking activities.

I made a number of complaints about the illegal gas fracking on private properties in NSW to the NSW Government in the past, I visited Members of the Parliament in NSW who seem to be aware about the illegal gas fracking in NSW, however I wasn't able to achieve anything to date. I am of the impression that with Berejiklian Government this situation has got much worst, and that the illegal gas fracking has been operating in NSW uninterrupted.

Recently, I have attempted to find out who is inspecting, monitoring, and enforcing the illegal gas fracking activities in NSW, however I was transferred from one department to another, from one minister to another, and I haven't been able to find out answer to this, to date.

In light of the above, and in light of much more information that I have about the illegal gas fracking in NSW, I would like to make the following suggestions to the NSW Independent Bushfire Inquiry:

1. There should be separate independent bushfire inquiry only about the impact that the gas fracking and the illegal gas fracking in NSW had on the bushfires that occurred in 2019. This inquiry should include experts in gas fracking. This inquiry should also consider the potential of the illegal gas fracking to cause fires in the future. This inquiry should also specifically address the illegal gas fracking in Sydney and the potential of the illegal gas fracking to cause major fires in Sydney in the future.
2. There should be a process where everyone who receives public funding for losses due to the bushfire should sign a statutory declaration that the person has not been involved in illegal gas fracking activities as a condition for receiving public funding. There should be very high penalties/imprisonment for making false declaration about the illegal gas fracking activities at private properties.
3. There should be a comprehensive review of all relevant legislation and regulation for inspection, monitoring and enforcement of illegal gas fracking activities at private properties in NSW.
4. There should be inspection, monitoring and enforcement of illegal gas fracking activities at all building sites in NSW, including in all renovations of private properties that have been approved in NSW.

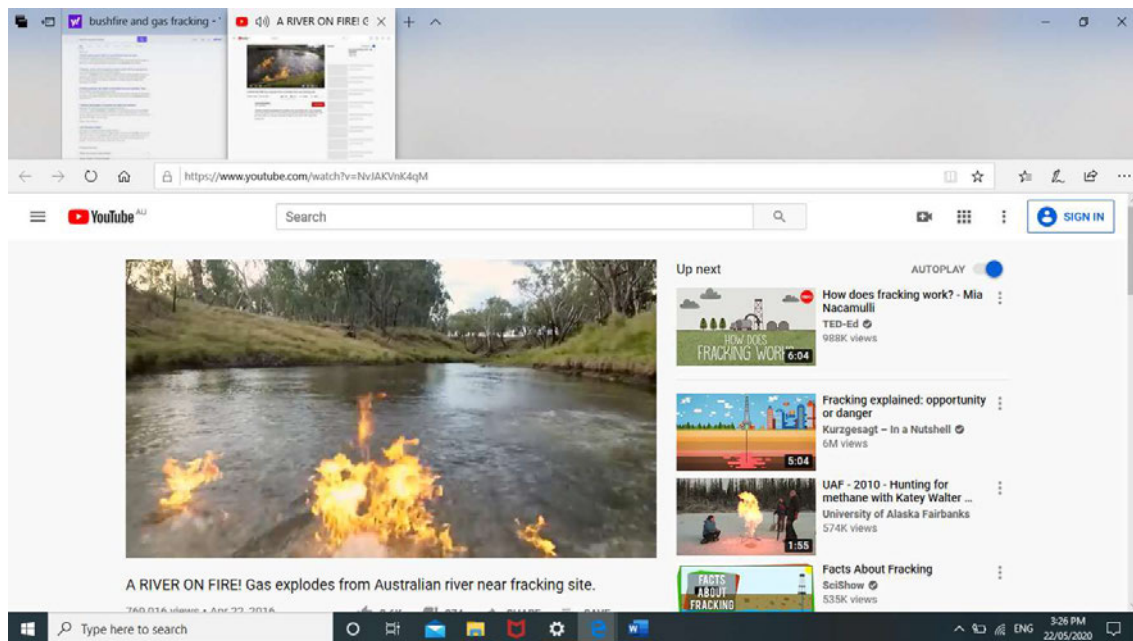
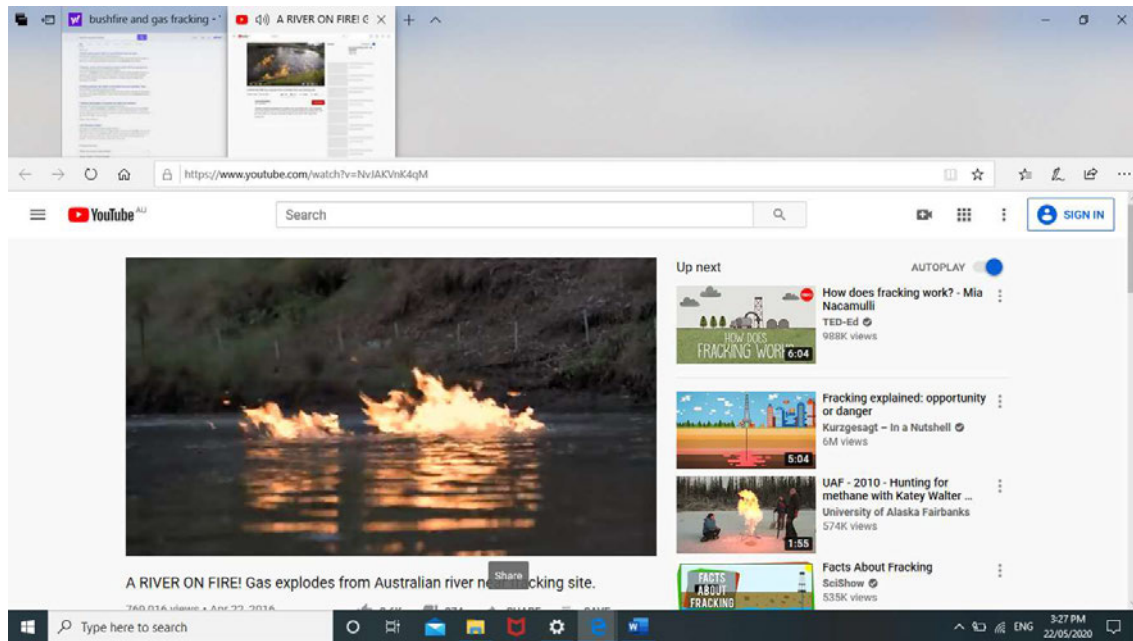
1.2 Preparation and planning

The preparation and planning related to bushfires should take into consideration gas fracking, and illegal gas fracking on private properties, in NSW.

There should be plans how to inspect and monitor the illegal gas fracking activities, in an organized and systematic way.

1.3 Any other matters


The illegal gas fracking activities have also significant negative impact on public health. The electromagnetic field that is used as part of the gas fracking activities has also significant impact on the immune system. Consequently, I also believe that the illegal gas fracking in NSW might have been also a reason for much larger cases of Corona Virus (COVID19) in NSW than in the other Australian states and territories. This is an additional reason why there should be more serious consideration about the illegal gas fracking in NSW. I will be providing a separate submission about this matter to the inquiries about the COVID 19.



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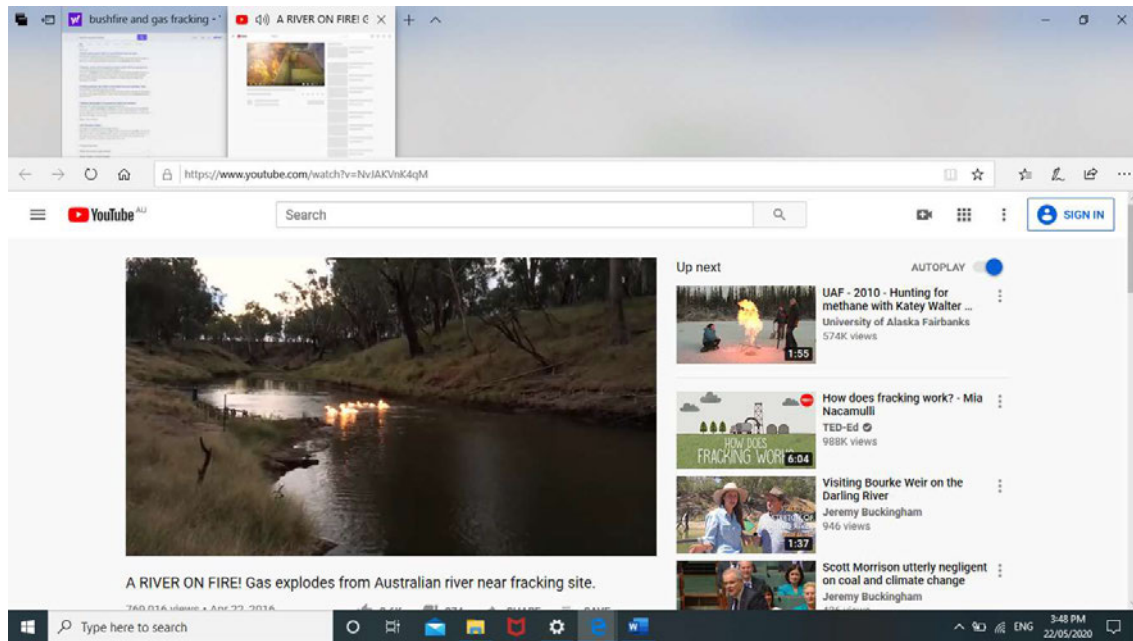
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