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SA Parliamentary enquiry regarding “fracking” in SA simply more unfounded myths propagated by activists

The Norwood Resource (TNR) has a mission to get the facts about the impact of oil & gas (petroleum) exploration and production impact upon the environment into the public arena and to rebut unsubstantiated claims by environmental groups who seek to achieve their agenda of shutting down the petroleum exploration and production industry by misleading the public and government.

“The latest decision to conduct a Parliamentary Enquiry into potential risks and impacts in the use of hydraulic fracture stimulation (fracking) to produce gas in SE South Australia is another example of activists’ unfounded claims being given credence” said Mr Chris Porter, Chair of TNR.

“There have been countless enquiries into the same subject in many, many other jurisdictions in recent years, which have concluded that the use of fracking has no more impact upon the environment than conventional gas extraction without the use of fracking. Another enquiry here in SA is undue acknowledgement for grandstanding activists, and a loss for the SA taxpayer.” he said.

“Further, this sends the wrong message to business and investors that SA isn’t open for business, and can be dictated to by activists using non factual claims and myths” he said. He added “The fact that over 1000 “fracks” have been completed in over 700 wells in the NE of South Australia during the last 45 years, without contamination of the artesian aquifer, demonstrates that the claims about impacts in the SE are totally groundless.”

“The Norwood Resource is developing its submission to the Parliamentary Enquiry which we anticipate will base its findings upon the facts and not unsubstantiated claims and myths.” he said.

TNR will be holding a meeting outlining its mission and highlighting the myths used by activists to mislead the public about the impacts of offshore and onshore petroleum exploration and production on the environment at The Republic Hotel of Friday, the 28th November 2014.

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About The Norwood Resource Incorporated (TNR)

History:

The Norwood Resource evolved from an informal monthly gathering of retired, semi-retired or independent oil and gas industry professionals who had become increasingly dismayed about the way these industries were being misrepresented in the media. Assertions that these industries impact poorly on the environment come from ill-informed and often untrue statements in the press with scant reference to any facts. The Norwood Resource team has first-hand knowledge about all facets of the oil and gas industries and can assemble, review and provide a definitive assessment of the relevant facts.

As a consequence, The Norwood Resource was formed as an informal not-for-profit organisation in late 2012 and formally incorporated as a not-for-profit entity in August 2013.

Our mission:

1. To assemble and disseminate factual, scientific and verifiable information about the environmental impacts of oil and gas (petroleum) exploration and production to the media and the community at large.
2. To actively challenge and counter misinformation about the impacts of oil and gas (petroleum) exploration and production on the environment.
3. To inform key media personnel about the environmental regulations under which the energy industries operate and the care with which they research and maintain best environmental practices.
4. To establish and maintain a centre of expertise about the oil and gas (petroleum) exploration and production industries and best practice environmental protection knowledge and outcomes.

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