Oil and Gas Exploration in the Beetaloo Basin: The Facts

Territorians should be aware of the facts about oil and gas exploration of the Beetaloo.

- Scientific studies and inquiries support safe, onshore development
  - 14 inquiries and reviews have found risks of hydraulic fracturing can be managed safely, as well as the former Chief Scientist and the Australian Council of Learned Academies, The Bureau of Meteorology, CSIRO, Geoscience Australia and the Department of Agriculture Water and the Environment.

- Traditional owners are being consulted
  - Companies cannot explore for oil and gas until they have an agreement with Native Title Holders
  - 15 Land Access agreements have been signed since 2003 in the Beetaloo basin
  - Consultation has been ongoing for almost 20 years.

- Onshore gas can and does coexist with pastoralist activities
  - Companies cannot explore for oil and gas until they have an agreement with land holders
  - The NT Cattleman’s Association has endorsed new Petroleum Regulations which have 24 minimum conditions for access
  - The gas industry has been operating onshore, in conjunction with pastoralists, for more than 50 years.

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