Submission by Dr Kim Loo, Private Citizen to the State Senate Economics Reference Committee inquiry into Governance and operation of the Northern Australia Infrastructure Facility (NAIF)

I am doing this private submission as a mother of two school age children, medical doctor of 28 years' experience and a tax payer.

Climate Change is among of the greatest health threat of this century. I want a sustainable future for my children. As a tax payer, I object to my money being spent to fund the fossil fuel industry.

The NAIF board consists of members who have expertise in relation to law, investment banking, finance and mining for fossil fuels. Absent are scientists, health professionals, farmers, traditional owners, environmentalists and tourism industry operators. The board does not have the expertise to access how their decisions are going to impact on the health of the ecosystems and communities.

There is a withdrawal of the private sector support for this project. Why is the government even considering supporting this project when the projected employment for this projected is markedly lower than the touted 10,000 jobs? Queensland is the ideal place to have large scale renewable energy projects that supply employment as well. The significant potential for the further destruction of The Great Barrier Reef will impact on the 65 000 jobs in tourism.

There is good evidence that investment in sustainable, ethical investments and investment in renewable energy are making significant returns. Industries that don't contribute to carbon, air pollution, chronic lung disease, heart disease and global warming.

