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Statement from Melanie Plane, Editor, The NT News

"The NT News unashamedly supports economic development for the Territory, particularly in our undeveloped regional centres where infrastructure is sorely lacking and access to housing, health and education services is unlike anywhere else in Australia.

"As Territorians, we also deeply care about the environment, preserving our lifestyle and ensuring Indigenous participation and direction of economic activity on country.

"We have never been biased against dissenting views or opponents of development and will continue to report all sides of issues concerning the Territory's future.

"While it is clear you have already formed a view your approach is ironic considering the east coast ABC's long record of negative scrutiny of most Northern Territory issues, including some Four Corners classics."

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News stories presented by News Corp as evidence of the NT News' coverage:

Back in mid 2024, the Environmental Defenders Office which worked in collaboration with the Environment Centre NT etc. was ordered to pay \$9m in costs to Santos.

<https://www.ntnews.com.au/news/northern-territory/the-edo-has-been-ordered-to-pay-santos-9m-legal-bill/news-story/6ad6dd5b17c72e20e329afc144da99e3>

Multiple court challenges have been thrown out, the most recent we covered here in June: <https://www.ntnews.com.au/news/northern-territory/federal-court-rules-against-attempt-to-use-water-trigger-to-halt-tamborans-beetaloo-gas-project/news-story/3cd6a628c14e81d567bdaddeac6563b7>

Another here from August last year: <https://www.ntnews.com.au/business/nt-business/costs-awarded-to-tamboran-for-antibeetaloo-basin-legal-action/news-story/2970cdb835c19ecabf0c6841e80aa8d4>

The masthead covered the anti-fracking rally at NT Resources week last Thursday: <https://www.ntnews.com.au/business/northern-territory/fracking-protesters-rally-at-darwin-gas-conference-after-being-locked-out/news-story/37a918cede25d93c462e716b5c861a84>

And the NT news also covered the INPEX emissions scandal with multiple stories: <https://www.ntnews.com.au/business/northern-territory/nt-epa-launches-inpex-prosecution-over-emissions-underreporting/news-story/1e22e02fd43c00280e7ddef825807301>

<https://www.ntnews.com.au/news/nt-doctors-fears-over-inpex-pollution-and-cancer-risk-sent-to-government-in-2024/news-story/cd5ede3357046aa2b6a92e021d5db67b>

<https://www.ntnews.com.au/news/northern-territory/nt-epa-orders-review-of-gas-plant-licences-to-address-health-risks-in-wake-of-inpex-underreporting-emissions/news-story/13311529784ca7cc4bb999605a173559>

<https://www.ntnews.com.au/news/northern-territory/cancerlinked-industrial-emissions-to-be-publicly-tracked-in-darwin-after-underreporting-scandal/news-story/b86134621c2c749c2e005bf84f94ab2d>

<https://www.ntnews.com.au/news/northern-territory/nt-epa-launches-probe-after-inpex-admits-to-underreporting-toxic-emissions-from-darwin-lng-plant/news-story/f3d676485c0b43562cf83b0268d66ebd>