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To Whom it May Concern,

I am an Alice Springs resident, a teacher, a mother and a very very very concerned Northern Territorian. I have lived in Alice Springs for 10 years and worked in the NT for 12 years.

I am writing today to express my **STRONG OPPOSITION** to the Territory Coordinator legislation and to urge the Scrutiny Committee to recommend to Parliament that it **NOT** be passed.

This is an insult on our country' democratic processes and laws, with far too much power in this legislation being put into the hands of the Chief Minister and Territory Coordinator. I am completely appalled and sickened by the very idea of this. On close inspection of this legislation I see powers that are far too broad and subjective and this WILL result in the eroding of safeguards for our rights here in the Territory, as well as for the safety and protection of our water and environment. In addition to this, as mentioned before, our democratic processes and laws can be easily bypassed. AND THAT IS NOT OK!

The Territory Coordinator should not be allowed to override ANY public officials decisions from any department, who are employed there as they have specialised expertise (unlike the Territory Coordinators simply because they disagree with the Department's decision or more frighteningly, don't trust the Department to make a decision that leads to their Government's desired outcome. THAT IS NOT OK!

It appears that the Territory Coordinator or Chief Minister have ridiculous exemption powers that will allow them to exempt works and projects from ANY statutory requirements in the 32 Acts identified in the Territory Coordinator Act, as long as they deem the relevant statutory requirements are not needed for effective regulation, and the works or project will be of "economic significance" to the Territory, or a region of the Territory. THAT IS NOT OK!. Where is the accountability ?????

It fills me with fear to read that the Territory Coordinator can authorise people to enter private land, without a warrant or permission, to conduct any works they deem reasonably necessary to "develop a Territory Development Area plan", including bringing vehicles, machinery onto that land and installing any equipment they deem necessary. THAT IS NOT OK! And I am sure that pastoralists all throughout the NT will not be happy with this section of legislation. They will have no right to challenge this authorisation, and if damage is done to their property, the Territory Coordinator decides how much compensation they are entitled to. That is just plain absurd. This allows conditions placed on projects to be changed or removed by the Territory Coordinator, regardless of whether this would be lawful or not under the original legislation (e.g. the Water Act). Why is this even needed in this legislation? There is no explanation to this. There needs to be far more limitations around what kinds of conditions, in what circumstances and with what reasons, the Territory Coordinator could vary.

This Government has chosen to ignore the community that it serves! Hundreds of community members have expressed such concerns, and more, that I have raised here, in the initial consultations on the Territory Coordinator, whether via a submission or an in-person consultation, and in an act of total disrespect, these concerns seem to have been completely ignored in the revised legislation. THAT IS NOT OK! Shame on you all.

It saddens me no end that when elected the CLP Government promised to govern with transparency and accountability, with many maiden speeches prefacing MLAs desires to listen to and fight for their constituents. What rubbish, as can be seen by the push for this legislation. The implementation of a Territory Coordinator seems to fly in the face of those commitments and THAT IS NOT OK!

I reiterate that I am writing today to express my **STRONG OPPOSITION** to the Territory Coordinator legislation and to urge the Scrutiny Committee to recommend to Parliament that it **NOT** be passed.

your sincerely,

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