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On a short reading of what is a very comprehensive and far-reaching new development in Northern Territory legislation, I believe this Bill gives too much power in its expectation that one person may oversee and over-rule existing legislation, which is intended to protect the environment, land and waters, and advise the Minister accordingly. In a world where extreme weather events are disrupting life and economic operations everywhere due to climate change, the desire to increase economic gain regardless of other effects and outcomes seems dangerous to humanity. Too often the supposed benefits do not reach the bulk of the population who suffer the consequences of failed or inadequate supervision of developments which are undertaken. For example, the proliferation of gas projects which are intended for export and do not provide an economic benefit to Australian consumers and taxpayers, who will left with the responsibility of future clean-ups of environmental damage which may, in some cases, be irreparable.

I am sorry I have not time to address individual points in th legislation but I strongly believe it is something that needs much more time for consideration.

Regards  
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