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To the committee,

My name is Alice Cotton. I am 33 years old, and was born and raised in Darwin. I have lived here most of my life. I am passionate about where I live and I want to see my children enjoy the same natural beauty, pristine Larrakia country, that I had the privilege of growing up in.

I strongly oppose the Territory Coordinator legislation and I urge the Scrutiny Committee to **not** pass the legislation.

I was dismayed to read the NTG's summary report of the consultation period. The report lacked any transparency on how conclusions were reached, with frequent use of language such as 'many people' and 'some said'. This did not demonstrate rigorous research processes or good democracy. When I completed my undergraduate and Masters degree at The University of Melbourne, and then worked as a sessional marker of undergraduate papers, we were taught to be impartial in research, to include quotations citing pertinent raw data, tables summarising the number of participants, issues raised, ect. Most of all we were required to provide a strong and compelling evidence base for how we drew our conclusions. All of this was lacking in the summary report and would not have passed a first year undergraduate assignment.

I am gravely concerned about many, many aspects of the Territory Coordinator legislation, including:

- the concentration of power in the hands of the Chief Minister and the Coordinator, which undermines proper democratic processes
- The broad and subjective nature of the legislation
- The undefined and broad range of flow on effects - how will it impact safeguards on our rights, our water safety, and our environment?
- I absolutely oppose the proposal that the Coordinator be able to make decisions on behalf of other Ministers, as there is no guarantee they will have the proper skills, knowledge, unbiased standpoint, and expertise to be across so many skill areas and departments.
- The statement 'economic significance' is much too vague, too open to improper conduct, and too easily skewed to big investor wishes, and should not be in the legislation
- It is wildly unfair that the coordinator should have unfettered access to private land, and be exempt from dozens of laws that have been carefully established to protect people and ensure people are treated fairly and safely.

I also demand that you submit a proper report that accurately summarises the consultation period submissions and release the raw data of what was documented during the consultation period, identifying all concerns raised.

Sincerely,
Alice Cotton

