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I am a Territorian of 30 years standing and am writing to object to the proposed Territory Coordinator legislation.

My love of the Northern Territory is very much based on its beautiful ecology and environment. We remain one of the last relatively untouched wilderness environments in Australia. Whether it be rivers or habitats for unique native flora and fauna, these precious natural assets require protection but the proposed legislation appears to be drafted to deliberately subvert any such action.

The primary objective of the bill is "driving economic prosperity for the Territory or a region of the Territory" , first and foremost , " and the potential social and environmental outcomes for the Territory or a region of the Territory" last. As a guiding principle, this pronouncement is ill defined and requires further clarification.

The legislation centralises power with the Chief Minister and Territory Coordinator granting them the capacity to override the expertise of government departments and Ministers. It allows the Territory Coordinator to bypass 32 laws if a project is deemed to be of economic significance to the Northern Territory.

What protection remains for the environmental significance ? Very little, it appears, with the removal of funding for the Environmental Centre of the NT.

My strong objection to this Bill lies in its power to blatantly subvert any opposition or informed input to the Government 's will. It is a denial of the democratic process.

Yours sincerely,

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