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I am a local Darwin resident, parent and Social Worker and I **strongly** oppose the Territory Coordinator Bill and implore you not to pass it.

I hold grave concerns about the unprecedented powers that this Bill gives to the Chief Minister which goes against democratic principles that members of the Legislative Assembly should be upholding.

Community concerns that have been raised regarding this bill have so far been ignored and I am deeply worried that democracy in the NT is genuinely under threat. Members of the Legislative Assembly have been elected to represent the community, not their own interests and I strongly oppose the powers that the Territory Coordinator and the Chief Minister will have access to if this Bill passes.

I do not want power to be placed with the Territory Co-ordinator or with the Chief Minister to override other government departments and ministers when they see fit to do so.

I also do not want the Territory Co-ordinator or the Chief Minister to exempt works and projects from any statutory requirements in the 32 Acts identified in the Territory Coordinator Act.

I am left wondering why it would be necessary for the Territory Coordinator to be able to bypass acts such as the Building Act, Planning Act, Water Act, Radiation Protection Act, Petroleum Act, Lands Acquisition Act, Heritage Act etc.

I believe these powers will place at even further risk our First Nations people and their capacity to protect their land, waters and sacred sites as well as for them to be meaningfully consulted and recognised as the Traditional Custodians of Darwin.

I also believe that these powers will place the health and wellbeing of all NT citizens at risk with potential blatant disregard for environmental protections which are in place to protect the environment for future generations.

I once again request that this Bill not be passed.

Yours sincerely,
Nicole
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Nicole Blyth

I gratefully acknowledge the Larrakia people as the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which I live, and pay respect to their elders past and present and emerging.