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Dear Ms Finocchiaro,

My name is Dr Amy Reid and I am an ex-resident of Darwin, hoping to return in the future to work in Anaesthetics and Intensive Care at Royal Darwin Hospital once my training is complete.

I write to you to urge you to please discontinue your movement to create the role of a 'Territory Coordinator'. This is unprecedented territory and initiates undemocratic powers to override existing environmental regulations which poses great risk to our democracy, communities and environment.

This movement further undermines the scientifically backed departments and agencies in charge of making huge environmental decisions such as fracking, exempting major projects from environmental assessments.

Is the role of an elected politician not to listen to the voices of constituents, and seek advice from professional and informed bodies?

Our highly educated and passionate climate scientists are in despair over the flow on effects of continuous disregard when corporate decision-making influences environmental policies. It is only fair that democratic and politically constructed bodies such as the Environmental Protection Authority gate potentially disastrous projects such as fracking, which communities in the Northern Territory have been opposed to for a decade.

Climate change is here and is affecting current and future generations.

Rather than creating loopholes to continue disastrous projects fuelling corporate greed, there is the possibility your government can make history and create an opening for a potential booming renewable energy market with the many resources that the Northern Territory has to offer.

I urge you to make consultation for this matter public so that constituents may have their say. I look forward to awaiting your reply.

