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To whom it concerns,

I am writing to advise you of my opposition to the proposed Territory Coordinator Bill.

If passed I feel this would have terrible consequences for the NT environment and the people living here. It removes the safety nets that are already in place, which I feel should be strengthened instead, and gives politicians the power based on their own beliefs and biases to make unqualified decisions about environmental and cultural impacts. This could lead to significant environmental damage and loss of cultural sites that would be hard or impossible to reverse.

I am also extremely concerned about the effect this bill would have on Aboriginal Sacred sites and culture and their connection to land and sea. This bill could contribute to the ongoing destruction of the oldest living culture in the world. Their knowledge and care of the country should be encouraged and support for all of our benefit.

To pass this bill would also have a negative impact on tourism in the NT. Tourism has been sadly neglected over the last 20yrs with consecutive governments subsidising mining, gas and fracking companies instead. This has always been short sighted and has been at expense of the local communities. It has driven up our rental market, affected our roads and polluted water ways.

To conclude my submission I am completely against this bill and hope that it never passes.

