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To Whom it May Concerns,

I live and work in beautiful Nhulunbuy with my four children and husband. We love it for the beautiful surrounding and wonderful community here . I'm writing to you as I, alongside my family, strongly reject the Territory Coordinator Bill 2025. I find it concerning that it represents an unprecedented concentration of power that would undermine democratic processes, environmental protections, and community rights in the Northern Territory. I can't help but feeling that the Bill undermines our democracy and rights. This Bill will enable a single unelected official and the Chief Minister to override 32 existing laws and potentially more through regulation, with purposefully minimising transparency and removing important checks and balances; how can this be done in a democracy?

It is also alarming that this Bill alongside the recent amendments to remove third party merit review rights from the Planning Act, Water Act and Petroleum Acts – which occurred in parliament 'under urgency'. This means that community members can no longer challenge decisions on their merits in NTCAT, now limited to only judicial review. Which again, cant be right in a democracy?

Finally, the current Bill prioritises the economy over all other considerations. I truly don't believe this is the view of Territorians. There are other values that are equally important and must be included in decision making, such as sustainability, climate impacts and impacts on local communities.

Therefore, I beg the Committee to please consider recommending against passage of this Bill. To protect the rights of Territorians, democracy, demonstrate good governance, and safeguard our precious natural and cultural values for future generations.

Sincerely,
Anna Kreij

