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Hello Legislative Scrutiny Committee,

I'm writing a submission in strong opposition to the Territory Coordinator Bill. I believe that this Bill represents a threat to the NT's democracy, environment and people, and contains drastic provisions that would allow the Chief Minister and an unelected bureaucrat to override 32 of the Territory's laws in favour of often extremely environmentally destructive gas, mining, and agricultural projects.

I believe this legislation to be a threat to the democratic processes and institutions in the Northern Territory. The powers vested in the Chief Minister and Territory Controller by this bill represents an enormous overstep, centralising decision-making authority in only a few individuals and circumventing delegated processes. And to make matters worse, this enormous power will be given to an unelected bureaucrat!

This bill hugely puts our environment and health at risk by removing what little existing oversight or scrutiny for environmentally harmful projects such as fracking! At the whim of one unelected individual, environmental safeguards and checks may be ignored and catastrophic consequences such as the over extraction or contamination of valuable water sources may ensue.

And to add insult to injury, everybody knows that these fracking projects don't lead to better economic outcomes for Territorians or Australians. These foreign companies pay ridiculously small amounts of royalties and little to no tax!!

Please, do the right thing by Territorians, our children and our unique, beautiful environment, by upholding democracy and putting a stop to the Territory Coordinator Bill.

Kind regards,

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