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Dear Scrutiny Committee,

I strongly oppose the passing of the Territory Coordinator Bill.

The introduction of a Territory Coordinator who can override a large variety of laws to fast-track projects makes a mockery of democratic processes.

We as the public need to have the ability to participate in a productive process of shaping the future of our society.

The government, even if democratically elected, should not get the power to ignore existing environmental and other laws when approving new projects.

I am also concerned about the denied rights of Aboriginal people to participate in planning processes that affect their lives.

Environment, sustainability, climate change, health and emotional wellbeing are ignored as well as one of the biggest draw cards to the NT, which is nature-tourism.

Good project outcomes can only be achieved when a large part of the civil society is empowered to participate in the planning processes.

The construct of a Territory Coordinator with the rights intended to give him resemble a monarchy, not a democracy.

I am deeply shocked about the superiority mindset behind it.

I expect that the construct of a Territory Coordinator Bill be stopped.

Kind regards, Sabine Gonelli