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I am writing to express my strong opposition to the appointment of the Territory Coordinator and the subsequent centralized powers that this appointment affords the Chief Minister.

Firstly, the actions of this government are extremely undemocratic, pro big business and developers and dismissive of its citizens, the community in general and the environment as a whole.

To negate legislations, laws and processes that have been put in place to ensure lawful actions is in my mind - UNLAWFUL!!

I find myself incredulous that people in positions of leadership are making decisions that are shortsighted, self serving, narrow minded and money grabbing, to the detriment of those they purport to lead and the ENVIRONMENT.

I would like to ask a couple of very important questions

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What will you say to your children when they become aware (and they will or are already), that we, in 2025, are completely cognisant of the impacts of Climate Change and the industries and actions that contribute to it, and proceeded to rape and pillage our resources, lands and waterways for the sake of a quick buck????

What will you say to the tourists (who you continue to uphold as being strong economic contributors), when all they see are denuded landscapes, polluted and dried up rivers, dying mangroves and water reliant ecosystems due to harvested runoff and floodplains, and wildlife that no longer calls the Territory home.??

What will you say to your community (voters), when they become so disillusioned with their government due to being deemed irrelevant in so many ways, and our educated and informed concerns falling on deaf ears, that we decide to leave our beloved Territory in sheer despair?

Please do what you know to be Right and Good, for the sake of my family, friends and Mother Nature who, after all is said and done, sustains us with the very air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we eat and the solace she brings to our souls.

Sincerely

Ann Smith