

Public Submission- Territory Coordinator Bill 2025

Dear Legislative Scrutiny Committee of the NT Parliament,

I am strongly opposed to the Territory Coordinator bill 2025. This legislative instrument threatens to overrule the democratic processes in place in the Northern Territory. The democratic processes will be greatly bypassed if the decision-making authority was granted to a few individuals to facilitate the undertaking of significant projects, elect infrastructure coordination/Territory development areas and expedite certain statutory processes. The proposed bill would grant more power to the Chief Minister and an unelected bureaucrat, representing a hugely threatening attempt to disregard democracy.

This legislation contains drastic provisions which pose a serious threat to our unique, natural environment in the NT. The NT currently faces significant risks to our natural environment, such as over-extraction of finite water sources and the imminent expansion of the fossil fuel industry. The Territory Coordinator bill 2025 could potentially remove the requirement for environmental assessment processes and public consultation that are typically the only mechanism which communities in the NT can use to engage with these projects and voice real concerns. I urge you not to pass the Territory Coordinator bill 2025, in recognition of the significant threat to the NT's democracy, people and natural environment.

Sincerely,

Angelina