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My name is Chelsea Donoghue, I was raised in Humpty Doo and Howard Springs, and still live part time in Humpty Doo so I can be with my dad.

I am forever grateful to have grown up in the bush, running amuck around the block, feeling connected to nature, drinking the bore water, having a freedom that only comes from living rural. Now it seems that these privileges are at great risk.

I am writing to you to express my strong opposition to the Territory Coordinator legislation, and to urge the Scrutiny Committee to recommend to Parliament that it not be passed. The legislation concentrates far too much power in the hands of the Chief Minister and Territory Coordinator, allowing them to bypass or override many established procedures, democratic processes and laws.

Many of these powers appear broad and subjective in the legislation, and could be used to decrease safeguards for our rights as Territorians, for our water and environment, and for good governance and accountability.

What I find most special about the NT is how it really is like no place on Earth. I didn't truly understand this until traveling around the country. We don't play by the rules of other places or countries. We don't even use the same concept of time. We get to be freer, and a crucial part of this lifestyle is our relationship with the land. It holds us, forces us to slow down, and gives us endless wonders to encounter when we do. I would be beyond devastated to see our little world become further victim to corporate greed.

I find the proposal of Step-In Powers, Exemption Powers, and Condition Variations particularly heinous. To allow the Territory Coordinator the power to disregard specialised expert opinions, alter/remove determined conditions, and completely bypass 32 laws for projects/works if considered of "economic significance" is not only of great environmental concern, it will inevitably result in corruption. There is no explanation for why these powers are necessary in the legislation. There needs to be far more limitations around what kinds of conditions, in what circumstances and with what reasons, the Territory Coordinator could vary.

If you are genuinely for rural living, you must act responsibly here, with care and concern for the welfare of this place we get to call home - which means opposing this dirty legislation. These decisions for projects and works that directly impact our land, water, and communities do not deserve to be in the hands of the highest bidders. What is the true cost? What is money worth when the birds and fish are gone? When toxic waste poisons our waterways, or they're all dried up in order to quench the thirst of industry. The people, the land, and the water cannot be sacrificed.

I've taken the time to become informed on this issue, and to raise it with you here, despite knowing that hundreds of community member concerns of the same nature have been ignored.

I'm not sure why I have hope that anyone will listen, or care. But it's my country. My hope is rooted in believing that people will remember, will feel the deep love that they must

have for this wonderful, whacky, wild place - and its future. A love so whole that you'd fight tooth and nail to protect it.

The CLP Government promised to govern with transparency and accountability, claiming they'd listen to and fight for us. Please sit under a tree, think about your place on this land, and do not let this legislation be passed.

I appreciate your time,  
I hope you feel it.  
Chelsea.