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I oppose the appointment of a Territory coordinator.

The powers vested in the Chief Minister and Territory Coordinator by this bill centralise decision making authority in only a few individuals and circumvent delegated processes. It not only concentrates power in the hands of the Chief Minister as an individual but also in the hands of an unelected bureaucrat. It represents an unique and dangerous attempt to override deliberative process and concentrate power.

This legislation could put at risk things like water and health. There are already enormous risks and impacts to the environment of the NT from the over extraction of water to the fossil fuel industry and its associated green house gas emissions. This legislation would remove the little existing oversight or scrutiny of these projects potentially removing the need for public consultation or environmental assessment processes which are important as they give communities the opportunity to engage with these projects and their potential risks.

The elevation of so called economic prosperity above other considerations such as health and safety and the environment could lead to worse outcomes for people and the environment. Projects like fracking and big agribusiness don't actually lead to better economic outcomes for the vast majority.

Therefore I oppose the appointment of a Territory Coordinator.

Thank you

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