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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to express my opposition to the Territory Coordinator Bill currently before Parliament. This Bill poses a significant threat to democracy, environmental protection, and community rights in the Northern Territory.

The proposed legislation grants excessive power to the Chief Minister and an **unelected** Territory Coordinator, allowing them to override existing NT laws. This **undermines transparent governance and removes critical checks and balances that protect Territorians and their environment.**

My key concerns include:

Threat to Democratic Process – The Bill centralizes decision-making power in the hands of the Chief Minister and an unelected official, bypassing public consultation and established regulatory processes. This is an overreach that weakens democratic accountability.

Environmental and Health Risks – By reducing oversight of large industrial projects, the Bill endangers our water resources, land, and public health. The NT is already vulnerable to environmental pressures, and this legislation could exacerbate long-term damage.

Economic and Social Harm – The Bill prioritizes economic growth at any cost, often benefiting external corporations over local communities. The structure of these industries heavily relies on FIFO workers, limiting long-term economic benefits for Territorians.

I urge the Scrutiny Committee to recommend that this Bill be rejected to uphold democratic integrity, environmental protections, and community interests.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Kind regards,

Bernadette

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