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Dear Committee Members,

Now more than ever we need proper processes to assess development projects that risk damage to natural and cultural sites and regions. Environmental degradation, including species loss, water contamination, erosion, deforestation is well documented, as are the present and projected destructive impacts of climate change.

I am strongly opposed to this legislation, for two reasons:

1. This legislation comprises democratic processes that allow proper scrutiny of development proposals. Decision making that is centralised (as we see now in the United States) diminishes and weakens our democracy.
2. This legislation prioritises so-called economic prosperity over environmental, social, health and cultural considerations. Of particular concern are projects that threaten water ways, biodiversity, and in a global context, the climate. Poorly planned, inappropriate and inadequately scrutinised development projects risk harm to the environment and communities.

My questions to the legislators:

- How far into the future are you imagining when you consider this legislation?
- What price will your children and grandchildren pay for the potential damage done by poorly scrutinised projects?
- How much will the so-called "Territory lifestyle" be compromised by projects that damage our waterways and fish stocks, and contribute to increasing temperatures?

Sincerely,

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