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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this policy.

I am writing as a proud resident of Alice Springs with a strong investment in the future of the Territory. I have called Alice home for 13 years, we are growing our family here and I hope to live here as a proud Territorian for the rest of my life.

However, increasingly I think this will only be possible if governments make decisions to manage our limited underground water resources, and keep as much carbon in the ground as possible so as not to accelerate the warming of our planet and add to the already extreme temperatures we experience in the Territory.

Proposals like the Territory Coordinator Role make me feel embarrassed by the Territory's inability to understand the gravity of not managing our resources properly into the future. And it makes it hard to imagine why people would decide to move here and invest in a place that seems so likely to become unlivable in the future.

My feedback on the proposed Territory Coordinator Role is that it seems to be highly unpopular at all the community consultations held; it seems to be at best unnecessary and at worst an undemocratic and dangerous proposal.

We elect politicians to act as our representatives to make decisions and legislation for the best of the whole Territory. From what I understand this role seeks to give an unprecedented amount of decision making power to an unelected official, with one goal: fast-tracking projects that need fast tracking because normal legislation would deem them to have some negative impact on the community or environment. To me this seems highly undemocratic, single minded and short-sighted.

I recommend that the government does not pass this bill. It does not seem necessary as we already have politicians and legislation and processes designed to protect public interest.

If this role is created, I recommend that its power is greatly scaled back, particularly:

- Remove the exemption notices power from the bill.
- Revise or remove the primary principle, so that there are other priorities than just the economy e.g. wellbeing of Territorians and preservation of natural resources for future generations.
- Remove specific pieces of legislation from the scope of the bill.

Kind regards,
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