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To the members of the Scrutiny Committee,

I am writing to express my profound dissatisfaction and outrage regarding the proposed Territory Coordinator legislation. This legislation is a direct affront to the democratic principles that should guide governance and if implemented will allow for a dangerously undemocratic consolidation of power into few hands.

The very core of democracy lies in checks and balances that ensure no one person or entity becomes too powerful. This legislation subverts this by granting overwhelming authority to the Territory Coordinator and Chief Minister, who would possess sweeping powers that could overshadow democratic processes and undermine the voice of the people.

To concentrate such authority is not only a violation of democratic norms but represents a slide toward authoritarianism and fascism. The powers proposed in this legislation are nothing short of alarming and could lead to the manipulation of policy and governance for the benefit of a few, not the many. The Northern Territory is not one to be governed by one person's whims.

It is clear that this proposal is a significant overreach. A system where one individual can dictate policy and enact decisions without proper oversight or input from other democratic bodies, and ignore the expertise of department members, is anathema to a fair and just society.

I implore you to reconsider this dangerous course of action. The powers being granted to the Territory Coordinator are excessive and incompatible with the values of democracy and human rights that we, as a society, should uphold. This legislation should be immediately scrapped altogether to ensure that Northern Territory governance remains accountable to its people.

Thank you for your attention to this pressing matter. I trust you will stand for the democratic values that are the foundation of our society and reject this authoritarian proposal.

Sincerely,

Sophie

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