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Dear Parliamentary Scrutiny Committee,

I am gravely concerned about the proposed Territory Coordinator legislation, which is draconian, undemocratic and lacking transparency.

The proposed legislation places excessive power in the hands of the Chief Minister and Territory Coordinator. Our laws and procedures exist to safeguard people, communities and the environment. We should not be granting powers to a Territory Coordinator to bypass these procedures.

The proposed legislation undermines good governance, and allows government to act without accountability or transparency. It allows the TC to override the specialised expertise of departments and specialists, and make decisions based on vested interests.

As a health professional concerned about public health, I strongly urge the Scrutiny Committee to recommend to Parliament that this legislation not be passed.

Kind regards

Nishani

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I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which I work, the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin nation. I pay my respects to their elders past, present and emerging, and acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded.