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To whom it may concern

I would like to express my complete objection to the new legislation establishing a NT Coordinator.

I am opposed to the legislation for the following reasons:

1. The bill is deliberately designed to circumvent important checks and balances within the NT that have been established to ensure that projects are subjected to the appropriate scrutiny. Independent statutory regulators like the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) exist for a reason - to scrutinise and regulate proposals that have the ability to have a significant impact on the environment. The proposed legislation and the establishment of a single entity responsible for overseeing project approvals centralises decision making and power, and disregards due process.
2. As written, the bill can override 32 pieces of legislation. The total number of regulatory processes, safeguards, and checks and balances that could be overridden by the Territory Coordinator is staggering. Public health, workers' rights, occupational health and safety, urban planning, waste management, land access could all be impacted by the Territory Coordinator Office. Once this legislation is passed, with little checks and balances in place to moderate the power of the Chief Minister and Territory Coordinator, development activity across a whole range spheres could be impacted.
3. The NT Coordinator position appears to take a "development at all costs" approach and potentially threatens the NT's unique and fragile environment. The promotion of development without due consideration of the impacts such development will have on the environment is a short sighted and dangerous course of action that could fundamentally and irreversibly degrade our water and land resources. Whilst I am particularly concerned in relation to its potential environment impacts and note with dismay that it may also override protections such as workers safety, and land access.
4. The objectives of the legislation are flawed and appear to disregard the concept that without a healthy environment there can be no prosperity for NT residents.

The existing regulatory processes in the NT need to be better funded to do their job properly, allowing for independent decision making. This bill further undermines the jurisdiction of independent regulators, overriding their functions and undermining their experience and mandate.

I trust you will consider my objections within your review process.

Regards,
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