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Hi there,

Please find below my submission to the Territory Coordinator Scrutiny Committee.

I thank the CLP for taking onboard the multiple requests to remove the Nuclear Waste Transport, Storage and Disposal (Prohibition) Act 2004 from the proposed Territory Coordinator bill.

However, the sheer amount of power this bill gives an unelected official is undemocratic. I implore the Scrutiny Committee to consider the damage this law may inflict on the Territory's democracy and the Legislative Assembly's ability to govern for the good of all Territorians.

As a Darwin resident, I'm particularly concerned about the impact the wide-sweeping powers of a possible Territory Coordinator could have on the natural environment, our greatest asset, and what makes the Territory so unique.

I edit a publication about outdoor adventure in Australia, and after five years of reading and researching about natural places and the outdoors around the country, I can safely say that the Territory has the most pristine environment in Australia – it is the reason I live in the Territory. This is why I'm concerned that having a bureaucrat without expertise in land management with the power to override decisions on how our water and land is used, is a recipe for disaster for our environment.

Therefore, I ask the Scrutiny Committee to deeply consider the need for this law and position. I implore the Scrutiny Committee to question and amend the legislation in the following way:

1. Remove the exemption notices power from the bill
2. Revise or remove the primary principle
3. Remove the Territory Coordinator's power to override the following pieces of legislation:
 - o Environment Protection Act 2019
 - o Water Act 1992
 - o Territory Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act 1976

It is in every Territorian's utmost interest that our waterways and wider environment are kept intact and are able to thrive. That is why I urge you to reconsider the broad-reaching and overriding powers of the Territory Coordinator legislation.

Thank you for the chance to have a say on this crucial issue.

Regards,
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