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I am writing to express my deep concern over the proposed appointment of a Territory Coordinator, with the power to ignore environmental action plans and allocate resources without considering the environmental impacts. The Northern Territory is one of the last great wilderness areas left in the world, with an abundance of flora and fauna seen nowhere else. There may even be species existing here that have never been identified or studied, but if the Territory Coordinator has the power to override environmental concerns, we risk losing them before we even know we have them.

As an appointed position, the Territory Coordinator is not answerable for anything he does. His wide-ranging powers without accountability are a threat to the democratic process. The resources over which he will have power belong to the people of the Northern Territory; not the government. Surely any responsibility for allocation of resources should rest with the relevant ministers, who are elected and answerable to the people. If they are doing their job, there is absolutely no need for an unelected Official who will take precedence over the ministers. Appointing this person is tantamount to admitting that the ministers aren't up to the task they were elected to do.

I therefore request that the intention to appoint a Territory Coordinator be abandoned, and the ministers be required to do their jobs and take responsibility for managing the resources of the NT.

Yours sincerely
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