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Hello,

My name is Eleanor Vallier and I live on [REDACTED]. I am deeply concerned about the proposed legislation to introduce a position of Territory Coordinator.

The lack of accountability that this position would hold reminds me of Scott Morrison's huge overreach during the COVID-19 pandemic. Having one person hold the power to make decisions overriding the expertise and knowledge held within specific departments strays from the democratic principles our country is founded on. It smacks of authoritarianism, which is alarmingly ever more present in other democratic nations around the world. I fear that the example set by politicians in places like America and Brazil have moved the needle here in Australia as to what governments think is acceptable behaviour.

Ms. Zio I urge you to use your voice to speak up for your constituents, in holding checks and balances on the power of those within your party. I am a conservator at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, and I see the joy that our collections and exhibits, showcasing the amazing arts, culture and nature of the Territory bring to locals and visitors alike. The power of the proposed Territory Coordinator to sidestep the Heritage Act is a massive red flag to me, which could lead to gross oversteps on par with BHP's destruction of the Juukan Gorge in W.A. Exploration for resources must not come at the expense of culture.

I would like to express my deep opposition to this legislation and the creation of this position.

Regards,  
Eleanor Vallier