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To the Secretary, Legislative Scrutiny Committee;

I make this submission as a long-term resident of the Northern Territory and firstly would like to state that I am completely and utterly opposed to the instigation of a 'Territory Coordinator' role in the Northern Territory.

This proposed legislation is a severe threat to democracy within Northern Territory politics. If passed in its current form it will give almost autocratic power to both the Chief Minister as well as an unelected bureaucrat.

As outrageous as this proposal is, it also comes as no great surprise to many Territorians who have suffered under the rule of the C.L.P. in the past.

To put it mildly this is an audacious power grab that will allow multi-billion dollar mining and agricultural industries to circumvent any previous or existing environmental laws and simply extract as much gas and water as they want and bulldoze our precious bush with impunity. To make matters worse, these billion dollar corporations are contributing very little to our economy as our government's, both Territory and Federal are failing to apply reasonable taxation to their operations. They are simply handing over the wealth of our land to multi billion dollar corporations and asking for very little in return. The relatively small number of jobs that these industries provide are largely taken by 'Fly in, fly out' workers from interstate representing precious little benefit to Territorians.

This legislation represents a disgraceful attack on our democracy from a political party that has been so keen to demonise, criminalise and lock up vulnerable members of our community. The fact is that the most dangerous criminals in the Northern Territory are those in parliament abusing their powers and abjectly failing to represent Territorians, present and future. I utterly reject this legislation. Please accept this email as my submission to the Legislative Scrutiny Committee.

Yours Sincerely, Jonathan Graham