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Dear Members of the Legislative Scrutiny Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to raise my concerns about the proposed Territory Coordinator Bill. I recommend the Committee does not support the Bill in its current form.

First, the Committee Members should be mindful that if passed, this legislation could easily persist beyond the next change of government. The extremely broad powers associated with this Bill are not only ripe for abuse now but will curtail the ability of Territorians to protect the broader interests of our community as a whole in the future.

Second, I would like to remind the Committee Members that by their very nature, protective legislation and processes are inconvenient. There can be no genuine protection of environmental or social capital if these protections cease to operate as soon as there is a significant temptation to avoid or override them.

Once again, thank you for you time and attention.

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