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To whom it may concern,

I am deeply concerned and against the proposal to establish a Territory Coordinator (TC).

My main concern with the proposed legislation is that it will give the TC and Chief Minister power to exempt projects from certain laws.

As a Territorian, the environment of the NT is incredibly important to me. There is significant concern that the TC role would bypass the *Environment Protection Act 2019*, the *Water Act 1992* and the *Waste Management and Pollution Control Act 1998* for financial and political gains, at the cost to the environment, the people of the NT and overall, the people of Australia. My concern is that more projects will go ahead which have not had appropriate assessments. The current assessment of fracking in the Beetaloo Basin is already causing [water contamination](#) and closer to home is the ongoing destruction of habitat of threatened animals at Lee Point (aka the Black-Footed Tree rat, Gouldian Finch). These are happening despite the current laws. With the TC role, there will be a significant increase in the number of projects, and they will not be required to meet any of the obligations of Acts which provide a very basic level of protection.

The destruction of the environment which will increase at a rapid rate under this law and will disproportionately impact Aboriginal groups. They have a long standing relationship with nature, impacting on health and wellbeing and livelihood.

Part of why I love the Territory is because of the nature and the culture that exists here. This legislation will have the power to change all of that in a very short space of time.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

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