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Re: Territory Coordinator Bill

Dear Scrutiny Committee Members,

I wish to state in the strongest possible terms my opposition the Territory Coordinator Bill in its totality.

The Bill seeks to circumvent so many established procedures, democratic processes and laws that, if passed, there would scarcely be any democratic rights left to salvage in the Northern Territory.

The Bill concentrates an extraordinary amount of power in the hands of both the Chief Minister and the proposed Territory Coordinator, the latter an unelected position. It allows the Coordinator to 'step in' and override the decisions of other government departments or ministers, at their whim, with no structures of accountability to safeguard due process. It allows them to simply ignore some 32 laws if it suits the interests of the government of the day -- or, as is most likely, if it suits the interests of the corporations the Territory Coordinator previously lobbied for. It allows the Territory Coordinator to allow people to access private land, do whatever they like to it in the name of "development", and decide how much the owner is entitled to in compensation when everything goes pear-shaped and their backyard is raped and pillaged for someone else's profit. Even existing projects can have their conditions changed by the Coordinator, simply tossing aside environmental or social protections, again with no oversight, no accountability, and no requirement to follow the relevant laws associated with those conditions and protections.

This is a disgusting affront to the dignity of all Territorians, stripping them of whatever agency they may have in the name of naked corporate power. What 'Territory Lifestyle' will be left to restore when this beautiful land we enjoy is handed over to frackers to do what they want with?

Recall that Benito Mussolini said, "*Fascism should more appropriately be called Corporatism because it is a merger of state and corporate power*". The Territory Coordinator Bill, in one fell swoop, would bring fascism to the Northern Territory.

Sincerely,

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