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Secretary
Legislative Scrutiny Committee
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Dear Committee Secretary,

RE: NORTHERN TERRITORY COORDINATOR BILL 2025 (Serial 17)

Australian Energy Producers welcomes the *Northern Territory Coordinator Bill 2025* (the Bill) and views it as a positive step toward attracting investment and enhancing the economic and energy security benefits of the Territory's natural gas resources.

We refer the Committee to our submission of January 2025¹, which raises several points that continue to be relevant for the consideration of the Bill. This includes ensuring confidentiality safeguards are in place for information sharing, that reasonable notice is given to proponents before step-in interventions, that consideration is given on the financial and contractual impacts on projects (with regards to sections 53(1)(b) & 53(3)), that consideration is given to the introduction of prioritisation mechanisms akin to the Queensland Coordinator General, the extension of the development area time limit for large-scale projects (e.g., the development of the Beetaloo Sub-basin), the need to honour private agreements, and the strengthening of collaboration with neighbouring jurisdictions (e.g., for pipeline projects).

Australian Energy Producers still wish to see further consideration of these points, noting that much clarification could be provided through non-legislative policies and guidance. As such, Australian Energy Producers supports the passage of the Bill.

Australian Energy Producers remains committed to working with the NT Government to balance economic growth, energy security, and infrastructure development, while ensuring transparency and fairness for industry stakeholders.

Yours sincerely,



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¹ www.energyproducers.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/TERRITORY-COORDINATOR-BILL-2024-AEP-Submission.pdf