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I, as a resident of the Northern Territory, DO NOT SUPPORT this bill.

Residents and visitors to the NT come here to appreciate our vast nature, intact savannas, springs, and wildlife. Our nature is our way of life - we spend our days fishing, camping, exploring. Our economy can be driven by strong domestic and international tourism in the long-term - if we don't lose our reasons for people to visit.

While big projects employ a few (<1% of Territorians), tourism supported 12,500 people (8.5%) in 2021-22 - without damaging our future. 'Advancing industry' does not advance Territorians - in fact, locals pay 32x more in vehicle registration costs than the current gas industry in the NT pays in royalties.

The Territory Coordinator Bill puts our way of life under threat.

We do not want an unelected public servant to be given unprecedented powers to override laws and decisions made by Ministers and other officials. The aim of this Bill is clear - to promote industry at any cost. It will drive the destruction of our environment and way of life for the profit of a few. Our laws and processes are in place to protect our people and places. We have excellent scientists on hand in the NT to provide expert advice based on evidence, and this advice should not be overruled by a previous boss of big oil and gas who clearly has vested interests (e.g., Stuart Knowles). We want smart decisions that look to the future, not quick decisions for a few years of profit for big business.

This Bill is corrupt and a clear attack by the CLP on our democracy.

Kind Regards, Riley