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Dear Scrutiny Committee,

My name is Sandy May, I live in a small community known as Adelaide River on the Stuart Highway in the NT.

I am writing this submission to highlight why I absolutely oppose the bill for the NT Territory Coordinator.

As a resident of this small community, we have had to fight to protect our land many times with the first time in 2015 to stop fracking and then again last year and the community has another threat to the south of the town from another mining company to do exploration drilling.

The fight we did last year was to prevent Bacchus Recourses from approval of another exploration application that covered 33 blocks that varied from 7 acres up to 1000 acres.

Our block is 127 acres and when my husband spoke to the lawyer for Bacchus Recourses, advised my husband Andrew that they can enter our property at any time and they could do whatever they wanted to do and if we wanted to do any improvements we had to seek approval from them before we could do anything with our land that we pay a mortgage on.

We're concerned if this is approved it won't give us any opportunity to stop this massive over reach by NTG and the Chief Minister and her Territory Coordinator.

Please take a very close look at how this will impact every day Territorians who put their heart and soul into the property to have it all taken away by beaucrates that are not put there by the people.

We can see this is going to have devastating out comes for many land owners in the NT, we end up with our land destroyed and we don't get any compensation all royalties go to the NTG and is their biggest push for this bill to pass with no consideration to the very people it will affect the most.

Kind Regards Sandy May