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Dear Chair

I write as a proud Territorian to state my strong opposition to the Territory Coordinator Bill 2025. I urge the Scrutiny Committee to recommend to Parliament that it not be passed.

The draft Bill concentrates far too much power in the hands of the Chief Minister and Territory Coordinator, allowing them to bypass or override many established procedures, democratic processes and laws. Many of these powers appear broad and subjective as drafted in the Bill and could be used to decrease safeguards for our rights as Territorians, for our water and environment, and for good governance and accountability.

The Bill and the explanatory materials fail to articulate why it is necessary for the Territory Coordinator to be able to “step in” or “exempt” projects from these laws. For example, why is it necessary for the Territory Coordinator to be able to bypass the *Building Act*, *Planning Act*, *Water Act*, *Radiation Protection Act*, *Petroleum Act*, *Lands Acquisition Act*, and the *Heritage Act*. amongst others?

It is particularly concerning that the Bill proposes a regime whereby conditions placed on projects can be changed or removed by the Territory Coordinator, regardless of whether this would be lawful or not under the original legislation (e.g. the *Water Act*). For example, conditions could be placed on a fracking project to manage wastewater or limit how close a fracking operation can be built to nearby creeks. These could then subsequently be changed or removed by the Territory Coordinator. There is no explanation for why this power is needed in the Bill. There needs to be far more limitations around what kinds of conditions, in what circumstances and with what reasons, the Territory Coordinator could vary.

Kind regards

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