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Dear Scrutiny Committee,

Have you been able to read any of the 500+ submissions sent to the government regarding the Territory Coordinator? I sent one in sharing my opposition to the bill alongside many others. Then we find out that the bill has gotten worse. I feel disappointed and let down by this government. Territorians have been completely ignored in this process.

I am writing a second time to express my strong opposition to the bill.

I do not support the introduction of the Territory Coordinator bill because:

- it introduces a 'black box' into our democratic system.
- The Territory Coordinator and the Chief Minister are being given powers that no individual should have.
- So many decisions can and will go wrong without the proper checks and balances.
- I fear there will be no accountability and transparency. For instance the Territory Coordinator will have the power to circumvent laws if they can prove there is 'economic benefit'. But how will economic gain or loss be measured and reported to the public? At present, the governments own modelling suggests that fracking offers limited to no net gain for the Territory, given the draw on skilled labour from interstate and the fact that almost all profits go offshore. What data will be used to measure economic benefit and how will this be shared with the parliament and with the public? Does anyone else weigh in on this, or is it just the TC who gets to decide? And if the TC's evidence is lacking, what happens?
- how do you select a TC that doesn't have a conflict of interest? The Territory is a small place. The current coordinator is obviously a poor choice, given their conflict of interest.
- the TC has powers to fast track fracking which has huge risks. I do not support fracking due to the huge emissions it will create, the thousands of tonnes of usage of ground water, risks to ground water contamination and the very limited economic benefit to the community. My concern is, if fracking projects are implemented hazardously, rushed, and not properly overseen, we will lose some of our natural assets and lifestyle for good. There is no going back here. Is that the legacy you want to leave in the Territory?

There must be a better way to make this work. Please do something.

Kind regards
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