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Dear Committee

I hope and trust you will recommend that the ill-conceived Territory Coordinator Bill be withdrawn and that the government reconsider its approach to economic development in the NT, with an open mind.

The current approach, as reflected in this Bill, is one of imposing yet more destructive, polluting and economically short-term projects on the environment and communities across the NT. This approach has got us to where we are today, with a legacy of environmental damage, economic vulnerability and lost opportunities. Doubling-down on this failed development model will obviously only make matters worse.

By working with communities and by focussing on development that makes the most of our unique natural and cultural assets we can build a future that is responsible and resilient. It may not provide huge windfall profits for foreign owned corporations but it will be something we can all share in and be proud of.

The Territory Coordinator role and purpose as conceived of in this legislation will hold us back and trap us in a continuing cycle of boom-and-bust, fly-in fly-out exploitation, taking far more than it gives to the Territory. Few will benefit and not for long.

There are other and better ways to do the things we need to do, as a community, for the community.

This Bill is the wrong approach at the wrong time for the wrong reasons.

Please recommend it be withdrawn.

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