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Thank you for the opportunity to speak...

Question: Why do we need to appoint an unelected official to override the NT's existing laws?

1. We do not. Rushing through major projects does little to improve the lives of Territorians and degrades life for many, whether it is no longer being able to afford a house because the big end of town has pushed the prices beyond anything sensible, or disappearing Natural environment and areas to enjoy.
2. No government is given a mandate to ride roughshod over existing laws because it doesn't suit them: there is a process for changing laws and it should be followed if we are to continue calling ourselves a democracy.

Please consider the following when making you decision:

1. **Is it legal?**
2. **Is it moral?**
3. **Is it ethical?**
4. **Is it intended to be for the benefit of all Territorians?**
5. **Are there Alternatives to this questionable way of avoiding the laws of the NT?**

Yes. There are many alternative ways to create sustainable jobs for Territorians. Giving away precious resources and begging big companies to come to the NT at any cost, is the lazy, unimaginative, short-term option. All Territorians deserve better.

6. **"It's the economy, stupid"....yes BUT there is no economy without environment.**

Tourism: Our two unique drawcards are pristine natural environment and Aboriginal culture. We are in danger of destroying both.

There are other ways of creating wealth and jobs: we need someone with imagination not the same tired ideas of raping the land and this will surely backfire.

Farmers (including Pastoralists and Fishermen): This is not just a question of "woke" Greenies versus sensible people. Many groups - especially "down south" where the damage is well under way, realise there is no economy without environment.

Human Beings

- What you love about the Territory; what makes it different from everywhere else
- The kind of place you would like your children, grandchildren and their children to grow up in

Nature

Water: Have we learned nothing from the experiences of the Murray and others "down south"? is the earth's most precious resource; especially, clean water. Not only is it directly essential to life, it connects ecosystems which will break down if it is polluted or overstretched. And the day may come when we cannot rely on the monsoon to replenish our precious *communal* resource which we blithely give away. Yes, give away...for individual profit which rarely stays in the NT and a handful of jobs.

I trust that the panel will make a good decision for the long-term future of all Territorians rather than the short term game of big companies who syphon profits - and water - out of the NT.

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