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I am writing in regards to the Water Further Amendment Bill.

With hope, the communities in the NT will have no issues with the basic human rights & access to clean water.

A few questions relating to this;

4.1 refers to Aboriginal economic development for the benefit of eligible aboriginal people.

- \* Is this just one family or the whole community.?
- \* Will this mean water trading will take precedent over the community's needs,

and if so who will benefit from this; the community?

- \* Will this include aboriginal water reserves?
- \* Economic Benefits should not be to the detriment of the community.

## Clause 9. Section 71BA

Inserts new section 71BA to prevent the Controller of Water Resources from granting a water extraction licence from an Aboriginal water reserve unless <u>the relevant</u> Aboriginal people, as prescribed by the Water Regulations, have given consent, and in the manner and form prescribed by regulation.

\*Who is the relevant Aboriginal people or persons referred to?

\*Is this a community decision?

Thank you

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