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Media Release: Territorians Reject Territory Coordinator in Flawed Consultation Process

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Justine Davis MLA:

“Last night, I attended the Government’s Territory Coordinator public consultation. The overwhelming public concern was evident, with more than 100 Territorians showing up at short notice during the busy week before Christmas.

What we witnessed last night was not a genuine consultation. Community members raised thoughtful and informed questions, but these were met with inadequate responses.

Repeatedly, Territorians asked if their feedback would lead to changes in the proposed legislation. They asked how their questions from the session—and the written submissions—would be addressed. Critically, they asked how the voices of remote Territorians, who will be profoundly affected by this Bill, would be heard.

The Interim Coordinator failed to provide clear answers to any of these questions. It is hard to conclude that this process is anything more than a token effort to tick a box.

The proposed Territory Coordinator represents a serious threat to democracy.

Centralising power with an unelected bureaucrat and the Chief Minister is profoundly anti-democratic and exposes the Northern Territory to significant risks. Decisions made by the Coordinator and the Minister are exempt from the usual oversight and review mechanisms that protect our community.





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The Government claims the Territory Coordinator is essential to reviving the economy and supporting Territorians by facilitating large private developments, such as new gas fields, pipelines, and processing facilities. This is simply not true.

Research from the Australia Institute shows that big gas developments do not benefit ordinary Territorians:

Less than 1% of Territorians are employed by the gas industry.

NT motorists pay 32 times more in vehicle registration fees than the gas industry contributes in royalties.

The Government's narrative that these projects will benefit Territorians is a lie. The wealth flows between large corporations, while everyday Territorians see no tangible gains.

Last night, Territorians made it clear: why should we risk our democracy, our environment and our children's future for so little in return? The answer is simple. We shouldn't.

I stand with my fellow Territorians who have said at every public consultation a resounding "no" to the Territory Coordinator.

The CLP Government has said repeatedly it believes in accountability, rebuilding trust, and listening to the people. This is their opportunity to prove it.

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