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Media Release: CLP to push through Territory Coordinator Bill despite opposition from 94% of Territorians

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Justine Davis MLA:

"Today the CLP is yet again asking the Parliament to vote on legislation that will be detrimental to our community. I am increasingly concerned – with each bill passed by this Government – that we are witnessing the erosion of our democracy, the inability to listen to respected voices in our community, and the creation of poor legislation. It is harmful for our community, for our economy, and for our environment.

The CLP expects to pass the Territory Coordinator Bill today, the first sitting day of Parliament, despite strong opposition voiced by the community. 94% of the submissions to the Parliamentary Scrutiny Committee did not support the Bill being passed in its current form.

Yet today the CLP will push the Territory Coordinator Bill through Parliament with complete disregard for the evidence heard through the consultation process and work of the Scrutiny Committee, which revealed the community's overwhelming opposition to this Bill. I have listened to the community, and I am standing with them. I will continue to ensure the Government hears the voices of civil society organisations, Aboriginal peak bodies, land councils and the hundreds of individuals in our community who have highlighted the serious threats that this Bill poses to our democratic institutions, to our environment, and to the long-term prosperity of our community.

I campaigned to bring integrity to Parliament, and I am committed to honouring that in everything I do. As the CLP ramps up its attacks on our democratic institutions, on hard-earned rights and freedoms, on Aboriginal communities, and on our environment, bringing integrity to Parliament feels more important than ever.

I will be proposing significant amendments to this Bill to ensure that the serious concerns raised through the Scrutiny Committee process are properly acknowledged and considered, and that we do our job – creating good and effective laws for the whole Northern Territory – properly.

Like the overwhelming majority of people, organisations, companies, councils and others who made submissions and gave witness testimony, I cannot support this Bill in its current form. It is not in the best interests of the Northern Territory, and it puts our democratic processes, our economic future, our Country and our people at risk."

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