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I write as an individual, not currently active in local community groups, but with previous involvement with water advisory and other environmentally focused groups. I lived in both Tennant Creek and now for many years in Alice Springs, so am well aware of the increasingly urgent issues regarding safe water supply from underground aquifers to towns and communities.

Regarding the application by Singleton Station for a proposed allocation for use by Fortune Enterprises, of up to 40,000 megalitres per year, for up to 30 years, of groundwater is unprecedented and deeply concerning. Clearing the land and watering crops with underground water will lead to salinification and ultimately degradation of the soil. The effect of herbicides, pesticides and fertilisers on local fauna and flora is also an issue. If this large area thus becomes unprofitable, will there be an application by Fortune Enterprises for another area to be allocated within Singleton Station? And so on?

If the water is free, what is the financial benefit to the NT? The number of jobs created seems to be highly uncertain.

As I understand it, the proposal is for too much water, for too big an area, over too long a period, and further investigation into risks posed to ecosystems, the suitability of the proposed horticulture, and overall sustainability is needed.

Yours sincerely
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