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9/2/2023

Dear the Environment Minister and water controller for the Northern Territory,

My name is XXX, I am a resident of Mpantwe and want to lodge my concerns about the granting of the exorbitant water license for Singleton station.

I am seriously concerned that the Singleton horticulture proposal poses a significant and unacceptable impact to the environment.

The proposal poses risk of serious or irreversible environmental harm including to groundwater dependent ecosystems, sacred sites, habitat for threatened species, including the bilby. This is due to the huge size and scale of the development, and subsequently the intensity of its impacts on significant ecological and cultural values across many decades.

It is well understood that arid and semi-arid environments in Australia are already undergoing ecosystem collapse from the impacts of climate change, such as changes to temperature and precipitation, and regional factors such as land clearing and habitat loss, invasive species and impacts from agriculture and industry, including water extraction. The substantial groundwater extraction associated with this Project, as well as the land clearing it requires, will further threaten these at-risk ecosystems.

This development is defined by significant risk and uncertainty. Whether it is related to salinity, cultural values, groundwater dependent ecosystems, the groundwater resource or many others, there is outstanding uncertainty and significant risk.

Please urgently reconsider this decision as it I believe it has the potential to threaten the availability of water and thus ability to live in Central Australia.

Thankyou for your time,
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