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We are at a stage where the irreversible damage we are doing to the environment in Australia is out of control. We as a nation have made so many mistakes and yet proposals to negatively impact the fragile environment are still being submitted.

Once the biodiversity of an area is impacted it never returns.

The Singleton horticulture proposal poses risk of serious, irreversible environmental harm to groundwater, ecosystems, sacred sites, habitat for threatened species, including the bilby.

When will people care for the land instead of exploiting and damaging it. Our natural assets are so important. The land is for future generations. It's time to stop the destruction.

Dry land environments in Australia are already undergoing ecosystem collapse from the impacts of agriculture and climate change. The substantial groundwater extraction associated with this Project, as well as the land clearing it requires, will further threaten these at-risk ecosystems that will be essential to the survival of all life in the years to come.

The terms of reference for the Environmental Impact Assessment must reflect the concerns and interests of Traditional Owners and the public by protecting all groundwater dependent ecosystems. The level of protection should not follow the advice from NT government agencies which does not reflect the critical importance of these areas.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this submission.

Yours sincerely,  
Gae Constable

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