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I am seriously concerned about the impacts of the Singleton horticulture proposal on groundwater dependent ecosystems, sacred sites and habitat for threatened species such as the bilby.

The volume of proposed water extraction and the 30% clearing of ground water dependent plants will have a devastating effect on the fragile eco-system from which it will not be able to recover.

Dry land environments in Australia are already undergoing collapse under the stresses of climate change, land clearing regimes and agricultural use. Current protection of water and habitat is woefully inadequate and cannot be used as a guideline of what is appropriate.

This Project will have very short term gains. It will come at a huge cost and the impact will be irreversible. I ask you to consider the future generations who will have to pay the price of this Project.

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,
Kirsty Robertson

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