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As UNESCO reports on the critical collapse of biodiversity and finds that around 1 million animal and plant species are now threatened with extinction, many within decades, more than ever before in human history the Northern Territory reports that the Australian-ASEAN Power Link project will occupy up to 12,000 ha of land for the solar farm, battery and ancillary infrastructure. A result of habitat loss, NT has been advised by a commercial energy proposal conducted by an engineering consultancy that biodiversity in this region does not matter, that its largely in the state its in because of a long history of ecological disturbance from pastoral activities. The proponents are the same that have just purchased 15 Rolls-Royce gas gensets that will power the Iron Bridge magnetite project in Western Australia, and is seeking to speed up an LNG import terminal project in NSW. So the claims this is altruistic, or the massive losses in transmission across to Singapore are just evidence this is about business, not the environment. And despite assurances of the rigors of desk top environmental surveys and cursory surveys (of only 3 of the 4 areas) stating threatened species referenced are "not observed, but possible", the

NT government through the proponent would have us believe that dozing flat and forever sterilizing 12,000 ha of sandstone, Acacia, sandy dunes, grassland and spinifex is somehow responsible, sustainable and committed to the future of the environment. Do not allow this energy proponent to proceed with this overstated and undelivered project that will decimate and destroy such vast areas of Australia, for a commercial proponent with very few if any long term benefits for Australia to overcome the massive impacts on the environment. Aside the technical issues associated with this proposal, the animals and plants critical to our ongoing natural environment can not afford such a waste of natural endowment for commercial interests not benefiting its citizens.

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