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I am a young man living in Central Australia, who plans to raise a family here. I want a healthy environment and community to raise my family in. Project Ares jeopardises this by putting valuable environmental resources towards a cause that has no guarantee of making my children's lives socially or economically better. I would like firm regulations in place before even considering a project like this, especially at such a large scale. This project will use up valuable water from the basin, which is highly sought after and finite. This water could be used to provide ovals for our communities to utilise as places to connect and play. This project not only uses up water, but contaminates it making it unable to be used or disposed of safely. This impacts our children. Their only clean source of water comes from underground. Project Ares requires a lot of cleared land, greatly affecting local ecosystems. This clearance will destroy habitat for the endangered Greater Bilby, which is culturally significant to Central Australia. This also means that Central Australia will become harsher and less lucrative for our communities. Project Ares is not guaranteed to benefit our communities or our country. The resources that are required are costly and important. They should not be used lightly, or without heavy reparations for the inhabitants of the Northern Territory, where they come from. By using these resources, these companies are taking them away from territorians, with no tangible plans for giving back. When we consider the cost environmentally, economically and socially for our communities, it becomes a gamble. Pollution, use of resources, loss of land. It is unproven whether this project can recompense loss, let alone improve community economics. We must have strong safeguards, regulations and reparations in place, for the safety of our children. Otherwise, you are risking the livelihood of generations to come, seemingly on the whim of these companies. Are you willing to gamble the futures of your territory on an unproven fantasy?

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