

The Sweetwater Agricultural Development Stage

I have several objections to this or any other development.

Objection 1: The Northern Territory has the largest savanna largely unspoiled in the world. It is home to a wide variety of fauna, many of whom are close to extinction. Example: the beautifully coloured Gouldian Finch. **If you destroy the environment you destroy our way of life.**

Objection 2: The Northern Territory is the last place on earth where rivers are largely free flowing and there is a huge number of fishermen who use these rivers. Crops require irrigation – have we learnt nothing from the Murrumbidgee/Darling disaster! **If you destroy the environment you destroy our way of life.**

Objection 3: Crops require chemicals to control pests as well as fertilizers. These chemicals invariably leach into ground water and rivers and so contaminate them. **If you destroy the environment you destroy our way of life.**

Objection 4: Almost invariably an aboriginal settlement will be disturbed or their water supply cut off or contaminated or a sacred site interfered with. **If you destroy the environment you destroy our way of life.**

**The Northern Territory is the last place on earth where
tourists and bird watchers can come and find
UNSPOILED NATURE. Please let's keep it that way!**

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