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I am a resident of Alice Springs and am keenly aware of the scarcity of water in our region. Our environment is precious and needs to be looked after rather than exploited. I fear the decision to continue the Singleton Station Horticulture Project is short sighted.

It poses the risk of serious, irreversible environmental harm including to groundwater dependent ecosystems, sacred sites, habitat for threatened species, including the bilby.

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,  
Natasha Mavec

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