

Dear Secretary

It is not fair that the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory do not get equal rights with the rest of Australia. We should be allowed to contribute to Parliament with our own ideas. We need to have a say on our own lives. Two representatives do not allow us to do this because they are overrun by the Federal Government who is more likely to support the ideas of a state with twelve representatives.

The ACT is the capital of Australia. It is simply unfair that we do not get equal rights with the states of Australia. We should set an example of democratic freedom for the country. Our voices are important. It is discrimination of people who live in territories to only give them two representatives. It conflicts with Australia's Democracy, where everyone should get an equal say and equal rights.

We are entitled here in the ACT, to make our own decisions without interference from the Federal Government. We have our own ideas and we should be able to act on them. We should all have the right to make decisions about our lives on issues such as gay marriage and euthanasia. It is unfair if the people of the ACT vote in representatives that support these ideas, to have them overridden for political reasons by the Federal Government.

The amount of representation that the ACT has is very unfair when compared to Tasmania, which has six times the amount of representatives. Tasmania has no where near 6 times the amount of people, in fact the population of ACT and Tasmania is not very different at all. This means that Tasmania's ideas are a lot more likely to be heard and agreed to in parliament. It is important for a democratic country to make sure that all of its people have equal representation.

Yours Sincerely,

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