

RE: Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Amendment (Disallowance and Amendment Power of the Commonwealth) Bill 2010

I believe that Australia has changed substantially since Federation in 1901. The Territories of Australia, such as the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory (ACT), all have democratically elected governments. Australia is a democratic nation, the principles of equality and fairness are enshrined not only in our constitution through the ability of all citizens to have an equal vote, but also through our values – values which include each State and Territory being able to govern how they see best for their people.

Consequently, it is contrary to the basic principles of our Constitution and of Australia, for the Federal Government to be able to override the laws of the Territories in any way in which they see fit.

I ask that this Bill be brought before Parliament so that it may be voted on.