

The Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Amendment (Disallowance and Amendment Power of the Commonwealth) Bill 2010 should be rejected.

The Governor-General's power to disallow or amend any Act of the Legislative Assemblies for the Australian Capital Territory, Northern Territory and Norfolk Island should remain.

These Legislative Assemblies should not have exclusive legislative authority and responsibility for making laws for the Australian Capital Territory, Northern Territory and Norfolk Island.

Citizens of the Australian Capital Territory, Northern Territory and Norfolk Island have the right to have their parliament's laws reviewed, for their own benefit and protection. The states of Australia have their laws reviewed by their Upper Houses of Parliament to protect them from bad laws being passed. For the Territories of Australia, the Governor-General performs this task. The power to disallow or amend any Act of the Legislative Assembly of the Territories should remain with the Governor-General for the benefit of the Territories.

If the Territories do not wish to have the Governor-General involved with their law making procedures, they should convene their own Upper Houses of Parliament, and be formed as States in their own right.