

To whom it may concern,

I write this letter in reference to the Bill proposed by Bob Brown to prevent a federal minister overruling laws passed in the territories of Australia, particularly those of the Australian Capital Territory. Also to my own belief that the ACT should be entitled to equal representation of that of the states of Australia.


The notion that the residents of the capital territory of any country should have less of a say of how their lives are run than a relative living less than 100km away is outrageous. Now, the fact that this is being permitted to happen in Australia, a country that prides itself on its efforts in committing to democracy and giving everyone a fair and equal say in what happens in their society, is hypocrisy.

The enacting of this bill should surely not bring as much overwhelming grievance to the Federal Parliament as it is being made out to. How upset can they really be about the fact that they no longer have ultimatum control over an area of the country that they did not previously consider important enough to have equal representation and an overriding say in how they run their own lives.

To have come so far in history and then to state, if not with our words but our actions, that the region in which a person chooses to live should dictate their right for equal say in society, is shameful. Will we as Australians allow the state of Tasmania differing little in population of the ACT to have rights exceeding those who do choose to live our nation's capital territory? Julia Gillard must recognise that the majority of Australians would not want this sort of claim hanging over the head of their nation.

I hope that you can recognise, as I do, the inequality presented by the overturning of this Bill.

Yours sincerely,


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