

To whom it may concern,

In my view the recently proposed amendment on Australian Territories self governance is a dangerous step in the wrong direction. The reality is that regardless of political leanings of those in power, Territories do not have sufficient layers of government and accountability to have the same self governance rights as afforded to states. To modify the current arrangement will lead to nothing more than additional bureaucracy and inability to respond to radical legislation changes within the Territories. After all the federal government is currently (and often) unable to even pass its own legislation without severe difficulties, let alone try and overrule bad legislation in the Territories. The reality is the Territory governments fulfil an important function in managing the day to day affairs of their people; however they should not have additional strengthening of their ability to put in place radical social agendas of often minority groups due to small governments and no upper house (unlike the states).

Kind regards,