

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Territories are not States, they are set up differently and work differently.

In recent years the governments veto has been used to stop things that the majority of Australians don't like, the most notable of these being the Franklin river project. The Greens just a few years ago tried to use the Veto to stop an expressway in the ACT on environmental grounds, yet now they want to give away that veto they tried to use? They think that a legislature of just 17 people should be allowed to adjudicate on contentious social issues that demands a broad consensus.

The Territories are not States, and as such have different rules governing their government. The ACT is the creation of the national government and the parliament and it was built up to provide the seat of national administration . . . The ACT has no claim to statehood. Its constitutionally inferior status is enshrined for good reason." The territories were restricted in their legislative powers. In short, the ACT must answer to the government and parliament that set it up.

Just because some people don't like something doesn't mean it is in the best interests of everyone to change it.

Territories are answerable to the Government that set them up. End of story.