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I wish to make a submission to the Committee to express my opposition to the proposed Stronger Futures legislation. I believe this legislation to be of no benefit at all to the Indigenous people of the Northern Territory. I have both friends and family living under the current intervention policy and everyone i talk to about the situation does not have a good word to say about the policy. There is no empowerment in taking away the ability to buy groceries where you want or is there any empowerment in seizure of assets of the people. One of the pretences of the original intervention was the child abuse of Indigenous children, to date not one paedophile ring has been exposed in any of the Communities. This pretence appears to be slanderous to the Indigenous people. The money would be better spent on Indigenous Education and Health. Too much of the funding is used in beauraucratic expenses. Lastly I would like to say that we are supposed to be moving forward with Indigenous issues. This policy sets Indigenous issues back 50 years its 2012 not 1962.