

We make this submission to the Senate of the Australia Government.

We are strongly opposed to any of the so called 'intervention' activities by the federal government in the Northern Territory. Consistent research findings of a reputable nature confirm that these 'interventionist' activities are counter productive and go nowhere near achieving any of the stated outcomes.

Racially discriminatory- based programs which cannot be implemented anywhere else in Australia because of State jurisdictions, are being imposed on the Northern Territory, simply because they can be. The Federal Government would not be able to enact such laws in any of the states of the Commonwealth.

The Minister Jenny Macklin repeatedly misrepresents the situation by stating that "people" "report" to her this and that, and infers that this justifies these policies' further development. There is much other detail from a number of peak bodies, agencies on the ground and university evidence which refutes these selected anecdotal mumblings. We strongly ask for any and all of these policies to be rejected by the Senate.

There are enough positive programs which respect racial and human rights in the Northern Territory that would be better supported by the federal Government.

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