

The Federal Government's powers to override the decisions of the democratically-elected Parliaments in the Territories are anachronistic. In the 21st century a single Minister should not be able to override the views of the people of the Territories democratically expressed through their Parliaments.

As the NT and ACT do not have the status of a State, it seems appropriate that they should be oversighted by the Federal Parliament. Oversight by Parliament rather than a Minister lessens the possibility of political bias.