

**Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment
(Economic Empowerment) Bill 2021**

To the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committees,

I have the following concerns with the Economic Empowerment Bill.

- The rush to pass these new laws is concerning
- It is stated that the Aboriginal people are represented but what about their involvement in the co-design and representation in the bill?
- The Senate enquiry is largely inaccessible to the people it is impacting and there is such a limited time for the effected people to be involved and to raise concerns etc.
- Mineral extraction is not the only way to develop the NT
- Economic, cultural, AND social aspirations of the people are hugely important and **MUST** be considered.
- Economic empowerment as defined by the minister needs to align with what the Aboriginal people actually want, not what they assume or say Aboriginal people want
- Land should be managed with primary concern for biodiversity and cultural importance, not for its mineral productivity
- Negative environmental consequences of mining are widely known
- Native Title has not been addressed

Thank you for reading my concerns.

Kind regards,
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