

I am writing to give feedback & comments on the proposed extension of the Intervention in the Northern Territory and beyond. I am representing Art Central, Moruya NSW and I am a member representative of Reconciliation NSW.

We believe the Intervention measures have clearly failed in the Northern Territory, and an extension of this policy should be abandoned by the Federal Government and Northern Territory government. There is also evidence of "black bans" of the sale of alcohol to indigenous community members in rural & regional Victoria & NSW by hotel & bottle shops & some police. This is racist behaviour & must be outlawed before it spreads to the wider communities thus causing further divide between indigenous & non-indigenous. Please address the real issues of providing health & healing resources to cater for ongoing issues affecting all age groups.

The ongoing issue of a lack of representation in the Constitution for aboriginal people needs to be addressed urgently to give those poor & displaced people basic human rights. Current projects such as Reconciliation statewide & Amnesty Australia's Homelands have a wealth of valuable research & statistics that could be used in collaboration with governments at all levels to address issues & work towards positive change in Australia & allow opportunities for all.

Yours sincerely

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