

20th March, 2011

Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Committees'

Dear Sir/Madam,

Australian Capital Territory (Self-Government) Amendment (Disallowance and Amendment Power of the Commonwealth) Bill 2010.

I write to express my opposition to the Private Senator's Bill, sponsored by Senator Bob Brown, that would amend the Australian Capital Territory (Self Government) Act 1988 to repeal the provision which enables the Governor-General to disallow, or recommend amendments to, any Act made by the Australian Capital Territory Legislative Assembly, and the further amendments proposed by Senator Brown that would make similar amendments to the Northern Territory (Self Government) 1978 and the Norfolk Island Act 1978.

I do not consider that there is any good reason why the Australian Parliament should not retain the full power to legislate and if it deems necessary to override laws made by institutions in the territories.

I trust that the Private Senator's Bill will be defeated.

Yours faithfully,

Dawn Williams