

To the Senate Community Affairs Committee
Re the Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Bill 2011

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In making this submission I wish to state that I am opposed to continued intervention into the Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory.

Having listened to the Aboriginal peoples' objections, and those of others, I believe that the only way genuine advancements can be made is through dialogue and the cooperation of interested parties.

I would like to see the present and intended legislation scrapped and a completely new one drawn up based on social justice with complete acknowledgment and recognition of the poor record of so-called Aboriginal Protection, also Aboriginal Advancement policies of the past. I believe it is time to create achievable and positive policies so that the Indigenous people can advance forward to something they should have been enjoying generations ago.

Thanking you,

Chris Woodland