

Dear Senators

While I am no authority on the outcomes of the Intervention to date, I am also very distrustful of the motivations of politicians and public servants who created and then continue to support these initiatives.

I believe that the Intervention was created to attempt to undermine the limited amounts of self-determination left to Aboriginal people in Australia, for three broad policy objectives:

1. being able to blame the victims in racist-based political salesmanship to the lowest common denominator of public opinion (a classic John Howard tactic),
2. to prepare the way for overriding Aboriginal say on matters relating to the exploitation of their country by mining interests, and
3. to continue to justify the parasitic white community employees who live off and rely on the continuing suffering of the Aboriginal community .

Policies such as the Intervention provide a smokescreen to hide the vested interests of the vast numbers of white Australians who make a living on the backs of Aboriginals. Police, prison officers, now private and even foreign prison companies, public servants, court officers, job network staff, etc..

Since we white Australians took the land off the Aborigines by force, usually murder and inappropriate relocation policies (deliberately designed to destroy their culture), it will take courageous political leadership to make significant change. Perhaps giving ownership of their destiny back to the Aboriginal tribal groups, and perhaps making them subject to customary law (since being subject to our laws only serves to stigmatise and abuse them for generation after generation) to put balance and powerfulness back into the decision making of all members of Aboriginal communities. After all corruption, corporate crime and corporate criminal organisations are the real criminal threats to all our communities, not the petty crimes of a disenfranchised people.

How about going back to the core of the issue, now that many Aboriginal people are sufficiently educated in the ways of our European systems, of negotiating a Treaty with Aboriginal Australia. This would be a truly bold new Intervention, and empower every Aboriginal Australian.

We could limit our Interventions to research into the best ways to achieve the objectives that Aboriginal people set for themselves, both in some national peak organisation, and in their own local tribal groups.

Kind regards
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