

Submission to Inquiry into Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Bill 2011 and Two Related Bills

I oppose the proposed Stronger Futures legislation as:

- It is not consistent with the provisions of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, to which the Australian Government is a signatory
- It is not evidence based
- It entrenches a punitive approach to socio-economic issues that works against social inclusion and community development
- There are significant opportunity costs associated with the measures the proposed legislation allows.

I support the positions outlined in Submission No 1 from the Australian Council of Social Service and Submission No 63 from Ian Thorpe's Fountain for Youth, which provide detailed arguments that are relevant to the above dot points.

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