

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am sending you below the Submission regarding the Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Bill 2011.

ETHNIC CHILD CARE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COOPERATIVE LTD.

30th January, 2012,

To the Senate Community Affairs Committee,

Dear Sir/Madam

The Board of Directors, members and staff of the Ethnic Child Care Family and Community Services Cooperative Ltd, wish to make this submission to the Committee to express our opposition to the proposed Stronger Futures legislation.

We agree with the concerns expressed by community groups and national organisations, that the legislation does not reflect the views expressed by communities during the Stronger Futures consultations, and that it will further embed the disempowerment and discrimination that was begun under the Northern Territory Intervention. We urge you to withdraw the legislation and that an alternative policy is developed, based on genuine consultation, community empowerment, the respect of Aboriginal culture, lands and languages and the fundamental right of Aboriginal people to be able to control their own lives and have self-determination.

Yours sincerely,

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