

I submit my opposition to a further intervention in the Northern Territory or elsewhere. I have followed the reports and actions of the government and responses of the people and highly regarded observers. My first opposition is against the proposed term of the second intervention, ten years. This time frame is not given to other Aboriginal programs that presume to "Close the Gap" or nurture the growth of groups like "the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples". My second opposition is to the restrictive practices imposed on communities when most people in most communities do not enjoy or benefit from them. My third opposition is to the outdated practice of consultation used to approve the interventions. I oppose the total Second Intervention which is being based again on children, proposing a stronger future for children and communities when the near past practises of the first intervention have failed.

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