

SUBMISSION TO THE SENATE INQUIRY INTO THE PROPOSED
"STRONGER FUTURES LEGISLATION"

The massive positive effect of the Apology on Australians tells me the Australian Government can do better by terminating the Intervention and by implementing recommendations in the "Little Children Are Sacred" report, the convenient trigger for the Intervention.

The Intervention is taking us back down a road similar to the road of shame and regret called 'Stolen Generation'. By all means jolt the Aborigines into behaviour change (self reliance), through trusting them and believing in them. Otherwise what does SORRY mean?

Compare the Government's approach to NT Aborigines' problems with the Government's approach to Global Warming. It hasn't imposed limits on individuals energy usage, nor quarantined incomes of the most irresponsible consumers of energy, nor has it compulsorily transferred superannuation funds out of dirty industry and into clean technology. Governments don't do these things because they can't. They'd be destroyed if they tried. But what's good for the goose is good for the gander. Here's the Intervention in the truest perspective. Governments should be the refuge of the most vulnerable, listening to them, trusting them and believing in them, and empowering them in ways they can feel good about themselves, enough to change their lives for the better.