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To the Senate Inquiry into the Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Bill 2011 and two related bills

The submission by Remote Retail Services (no. 6 on your website) mentions our Amundurrngu (Mt. Liebig) Store in a very negative light. Their submission is based on reports by themselves and by burdontorzilla & associates.

The consultants visited Mt. Liebig Store uninvited in June and November 2011. They did so on behalf of FaCSIAH that engaged them under its powers by virtue of ORIC.

Their reports place a very strong emphasis on Governance and Compliance.

The people of Watitawanu (Mt. Liebig) value what little independence is left to them under the NTER regime.

“Food Security” is part of “Closing the Gap” and now “Stronger Futures”. These positive sounding slogans are euphemisms.

FaCSIAH seems far more concerned about control than about the wellbeing of communities.

The Stronger Futures legislation will do nothing to make these places and their stores better, only further entrench and engender FaCSIAH’s power and the disempowerment of Aboriginal people.

Their actions are hindrance not help.

Signed: