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Subject: URGENT - NT INTERVENTION LEGISLATION

Dear Members of the Legal and Constitutional Committee

The National Native Title Council was incorporated in November 2006 and is a collaborative organisation that represents the views and interests of Native Title Representative Bodies and Native Title Service Providers from around Australia (the most authoritative, representative voice for indigenous interests in the country). At our latest meeting it was agreed to write to the Prime Minister urging support of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People, particularly in light of its relevance to the manner in which the Government is currently dealing with Traditional Owners in the Northern Territory.

Please find attached a copy of the letter sent to the Prime Minister urging the Government to reconsider its approach to the Northern Territory National Emergency Response Bill 2007. The National Native Title Council requests that the Committee seriously considers the concerns set out in the letter during your deliberations in the Inquiry on Friday 10 August 2007.

If you have any queries or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards Brian Wyatt Chair National Native Title Council