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Subject: Intervention in Aboriginal Communities

Dear Senators

I am concerned that the recent intervention into Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory does not recognise the recommendations of the " Little Children are Sacred" report. The interventionist strategy developed and implemented by the Howard / Costello Government is a continuation of the "White Mans Burden" policies of the past that have created the environment the report sets out to inform the broader community about and engage the whole community in addressing the issues raised.

The previous policies have allowed the degradation of indigenous culture and communities leaving those communities prone to the predatory and exploitive nature of those in the broader community whom do not hold views consistent with Australian values of civil rights and protection of children. The policies promulgated by the Howard / Costello Government are divisive and will only further undermine the social support for indigenous communities and entrench racial values in the non indigenous communities whilst increasing suspicion and distrust in indigenous communities at a time when partnerships and mutual respect are needed most.

All Governments need to act to establish a collaborative partnership between Indigenous Community Leaders, Governmental Agencies and Private Support Providers to develop and implement initiatives to address the plight of founding Australians notwithstanding the Electoral climate.

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