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Subject: NT Land Grab

This is another desperate, and doubtless futile, communication to all Senators of good will to block the NT Land Grab laws.

Doubtless the laws are as badly drafted as the IR legislation and, hopefully, will backfire as badly as the IR laws. Backfire not on the Aboriginal people but on the team behind Howard.

This land grab (oh, I am so sorry, NT intervention to save Aboriginal children from abuse you have all known has been going on for years) was announced on Jun 21, the same day the Crosby Textor report, saying to blame State Governments for everything was received by Howard & Co.

Look, while the action to save aboriginal (and, hopefully, all) children from abuse is worthy and welcome, if belated and regardless of the cynical motives behind it, the land grab is unrelated to this and will not help anyone, save miners, drug dealers, sly grog sellers and all other kinds of vermin, including Grey Nomads.

So I ask all senators of good faith and sound principles to think carefully before voting on each aspect of these rather suspect Bills

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