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Dear Senators

I will make one brief comment on the subject of permits.

In NSW, where a permit is not required for media or others to enter Aboriginal communities, or for that matter the wider community generally; there remain the longstanding issue of family violence and the sexual abuse of children.

Similarly, organisations in numerous locations suffer from the bullying that Minister Brough has used as one excuse to implement these reforms.

Maladaptive behaviours like these have a long and complex genesis requiring well thought out holistic responses.

Overriding personal and communal property and privacy rights are unlikely to bring about the results we all desire for safe and a sound futures for our children.

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