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GOOD MORNING SENATORS

As one who spent the last 20 years of his working life serving in the Northern Territory, I am appalled and offended at the obscene haste in which the Minister Mal Brough and the Parliament are pushing through legislation affecting Aboriginal Communities, WITHOUT proper debate, and WITHOUT proper consultation with those affected communities. It makes me feel ashamed to be Australian. It also diminishes Australia yet again in the eyes of the world.

PLEASE MAKE HASTE SLOWLY. STOP THIS MADNESS. HAVE A PROPER DEBATE BEFORE INFLICTING MORE INJUSTICES ON OUR ORIGINAL AUSTRALIANS.

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