

1. Submission for Stronger Futures sought by 1 February 2012

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The Committee is seeking written submissions from interested individuals and organizations
http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/clac_ctte/strong_future_nt_11/info.htm

2. Voices of Aboriginal people

The case against the NT Intervention – 3 Dec 11

Dr Rev Djiniyini Gondarra's very important response to the 'second Intervention'.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vrEWMHTvexY>

Yananymul Mununggurr, Chief Executive Officer of the Laynhapuy Homelands Association:

http://stoptheintervention.org/past-events/3-dec-2011-alp-conference#audio_intervention

“Raminging Elders say No to the Second Intervention!” – MR 28 Nov 11

Read their Statement <http://rollbacktheintervention.wordpress.com/media/>

No More! Enough is Enough! – Statement by NT Elders and Community Representatives – 4 Nov 11

Central Land Council Statement, Kalkaringi – 26 Aug 11

Elders Statement - 7 Feb 2011

<http://www.concernedaustralians.com.au/>

3. Information about Stronger Futures

Intervention to continue for 10 more years!

The Labor Government, under Julia Gillard and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, has introduced “Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory” legislation that extends the racist Northern Territory Intervention for a further ten years. This comes despite its recent community consultations that had demonstrated overwhelming Aboriginal opposition to the Intervention. The Government’s promise to work in partnership with Aboriginal people has once again rung hollow...

Links to various articles at: <http://www.ourgeneration.org.au/press/>

Cuts to Welfare Payments for School Non-Attendance - Requested or Imposed?

October 2011 by *'concerned Australians'*

"This paper raises a number of questions about the interpretation of consultations with Aboriginal communities across the Northern Territory concerning the link between cuts to welfare payments and school non-attendance. The Federal Government’s recent report, Stronger Futures Report on Consultations, is based on the belief that Aboriginal people support the proposal to remove welfare payments in cases where children do not attend school. ...

<http://www.concernedaustralians.com.au/media/Welfare-Cuts-Requested-or-Imposed.pdf>

Info on the 2011 Consultations in NT Aboriginal communities and the “Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory” legislation

<http://stoptheintervention.org/facts/consultations-mid-2011> and

http://www.antar.org.au/issues_and_campaigns/nt_intervention

Still no evidence for Macklin’s Intervention

- A review of the Community Safety and Wellbeing Research Study
5 December 2011 by *Dr Hilary Tyler and Paddy Gibson*

At the below link is a crikey article published 5 December 2011, explaining how the latest report "community safety and wellbeing report", despite being touted as evidence for the 'second intervention' does no such thing. Instead, despite being driven by government ideology, still manages to call for further increased services and support for smaller communities.

<http://www.crikey.com.au/2011/12/05/still-no-evidence-for-macklin%E2%80%99s-nt-intervention>

The full, unedited version can be found at:

<http://rollbacktheintervention.wordpress.com/statements/>

Cox: Stronger Futures demands are un-Australian

2 December 2011 by *Eva Cox*

...There has been no announcement of the inquiry and its closing dates despite the Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Jenny Macklin's sanctimonious promise to leave time for submissions....

<http://www.crikey.com.au/2011/12/02/cox-stronger-futures-demands-are-un-australian/>

Another Intervention Is Not The Answer

14 December 2011 by *Rachel Siewert*

The Government is talking up the same old policies to tackle Indigenous disadvantage but its own evaluations show they're not working. It's time to listen closer to communities, writes Greens Senator Rachel Siewert

<http://newmatilda.com/2011/12/14/another-intervention-isnt-answer>

Stronger futures in the NT must be a product of the people

19 October 2011 by *Amnesty International Australia*

"Community consultations are a welcome first step towards tackling Aboriginal disadvantage in the Northern Territory, but any strategies to ensure stronger futures must be community-driven in order to be sustainable, said Amnesty International today.

<http://www.amnesty.org.au/news/comments/27043/>

Cooperation not intervention: a call for a new direction in the Northern Territory

23 November 2011 by *Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR)*

Aboriginal peak bodies, community welfare and public health groups from around the country are calling for a new direction in policies affecting Aboriginal Australians based on cooperation, not 'intervention'.

http://www.antar.org.au/cooperation_not_intervention_a_call_for_a_new_direction_in_the_northern_territory

Missed opportunity to reset policy direction and relationships with NT communities

17 November 2011 by *Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR)*

http://www.antar.org.au/missed_opportunity_to_reset_policy_direction_and_relationships_with_nt_communities

Australia is failing the children of the Northern Territory – 18 Oct 11 plus United Nations Hears that Australia Fails its Children in the NT – 11 Oct 11

By *'concerned Australians'*

<http://stoptheintervention.org/facts/united-nations/convention-on-the-rights-of-the-child>

Information about Income Management

<http://stoptheintervention.org/facts/income-management>

Basic Rights not BasicsCard

Dr John Falzon, Chief Executive Officer of St Vincent de Paul Society, National Council of Australia
– 6 Oct 11

<http://stoptheintervention.org/facts/speeches/dr-john-falzon-6-10-11>