

End the NT Intervention! March and Rally



**Saturday, June 23 at 1pm
Hyde Park North**

The NT Intervention was introduced by Howard as an “emergency” in 2007. This draconian policy was extended for 10 years and re-labeled *Stronger Futures* by the Rudd/Gillard government. Stand against this huge injustice and suffering imposed on First Nations Peoples.

Speakers

Raymond Finn	APY Lands
Eva Cox	Jumbunna, UTS
David Shoebridge	Greens MP
Christine Kngwarraye Palmer	Kaytetye Arrente Central Australia

**When will this backward policy be repealed?
Eleven years is eleven years too long!**

Organised by Stop the Intervention Collective Sydney

Enormous rises in incarceration rates, suicide, child removals, and hunger and despair in communities - numerous reports paint this bleak picture of life for Northern Territory First Nations Peoples. Yet governments refuse to acknowledge there's any association with the Intervention.

Prof Jon Altman, from Alfred Deakin Centre for Citizenship and Globalisation, said 'The government deserves a zero out of 10 for its attempts to improve education, and a negative score on employment rates which have gone backwards.' The Royal Commission into Youth Detention revealed more shocking treatment of young people, plus vindictive over-policing.

Under the work-for-dole CDP program, workers have no right to join a union, to safety or compensation if injured. Remote Aboriginal communities carry 80 per cent of eight-week losses of unemployment "benefits" nationwide, resulting in malnutrition and despair as poverty becomes more entrenched.

Removal of the permit system, which previously allowed people to refuse access to their land, has made it more difficult for communities to now protect their land. Changes to laws in relation to native title and community living areas has made access easier for mining companies and other speculators. The ALP government has now opened 51 per cent of the Northern Territory to fracking.

Both major parties give lip service to "Working with communities" but act in authoritarian ways. The continuation of this policy degrades and shames the whole nation.

The Rudd Labor government in 2009 endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples but so far this Declaration has not been utilized in formulating policies affecting Indigenous people, thus ignoring their inherent rights.

Come to the June 23 rally marking 11 years of the Intervention. Stand with the First Nations of the Territory and demand the end of these policies and a new era which respects the sovereignty and human rights of the Northern Territory's First Nations.

**Stop The Intervention Sydney (STICS) needs your help!
Do you have social media skills? Want to assist in any other way? All welcome**

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