

Stop the NT Intervention

Unconditionally restore the Racial Discrimination Act:
Racism is not a special measure



12.30pm Thurs November 26
FaHCSIA office, 280 Elizabeth St

Organised by the Stop The Intervention Collective Sydney (STICS).
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Racial Discrimination Act to be reinstated — but racist policies to stay!

No houses have been built through the NT Intervention. No pedophile rings found. A government report quietly released last month showed that in 'Prescribed Areas' reports of domestic violence are up 61%, substance abuse was up 77% and 13% more infants were hospitalised for malnutrition.

Under pressure, Minister Jenny Macklin has promised to re-instate the Racial Discrimination Act (RDA), currently suspended to implement the Intervention, in November.

But rather than abandon failed policy and remove racist Intervention laws like compulsory Income Management, acquisition of Aboriginal land and draconian police powers, Macklin is attempting to re-badge them "special measures" under the RDA.

Case law says "special measures" have to be developed in consultation with affected groups. The government has carried out numerous meetings with communities to try and portray Intervention controls as "special measures".

But on October 29, 40 Aboriginal people from Prescribed Areas across the NT, including Barbara Shaw and Ampilatwatja walk-off spokesperson Richard Downs, released a statement slamming the consultations as a sham.

Aboriginal people did not consent to the Intervention in these meetings. The decision to proceed with 'special measures' was made long before they began.

In September groups as diverse as Oxfam, the Victorian Council of Churches and the Laynhapuy Homelands Association supported a petition condemning the special measures approach. Amnesty International has also said racism is not a "special measure".

With or without the Reinstatement of the RDA, we need a fight to stop the NT Intervention and ensure desperately needed resources are put into community controlled organisations.

We need donations to keep up the fight! Our bank details are:
Account Name: Stop the Intervention Collective Sydney
BSB: 06 2212 A/c number: 10452725 ABN 56 162 064 644.

Join us on February 13 for the next national day of action
against the NT Intervention!

Sorry means you won't do it again

9am @ *La Perouse*
to join the long walk against racism details TBA
1pm Rally @ *the Block Redfern* for speakers and bands