

A person wearing a grey long-sleeved shirt and a red jacket is holding a yellow flag. The background is blurred, showing other people and what appears to be a public gathering or protest.

**NT Intervention
12 years too long**

**Grassroots
versus
the Intervention**

**Hear
Garawa Leaders
and
NT Elders' Statements**

**Rally & March
Sat 29 June 1pm
Hyde Park North**

Near Fountain

The Grassroots vs the Intervention

An open letter to Ken Wyatt, Minister for Indigenous Australians, from First Nations people in the Northern Territory who have lived under the Intervention since its inception states: **“21st June 2019 marks 12 years since the start of the Northern Territory Intervention (now called Stronger Futures). Although Aboriginal people have become conditioned to the detrimental impacts of those racist laws, the trauma is deeply entrenched and continues... The voices of people struggling under these racist laws have not been heard, or their pleas have been distorted to impose further repressive laws on them”.**

This open letter is a cry for empowerment of Aboriginal communities through local governance. It calls for an end to excessive policing, to increased incarceration rates, to the removal of children from their communities, to pressure to sign over land and to the imposition of compulsory income management and more; all of which are entrenching a sense of helplessness in future generations.

Now a new attack on sovereignty and self-determination has emerged. The NT government has just released proposed fracking maps covering 50% of the territory. The impoverishment caused by the Intervention has made communities vulnerable. Still the grassroots are fighting, holding protests and sending delegations to governments and the corporations that are coming for their land. In return for fracking they are being offered what should be the basic human rights of all - housing, health, education, cultural support. What a disgrace!

Twelve years ago, Arrente Gurdanji woman Patricia Turner said the government was implementing the Intervention as ‘a trojan horse to resume total control of our lands’. Fracking is the proof!

At the rally hear Garawa elders who have fought powerfully against the Intervention and fracking on their land. Hear statements of Central Australian First Nations elders. Muruwari and Budjiti man Uncle Bruce Shillingsworth will be our MC. Let their voices be heard and stand in solidarity with a strong rally in the streets of Sydney!

Rally & March on June 29!

Stop the Intervention Collective Sydney meets 1st & 3rd Monday each month.

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