Subject: Submission AGAINST the proposed 10 year extension of the NT intervention.

TO: The Senate Standing Committees on Community Affairs

Dear Senators

I write in support of the many Aboriginal elders and community leaders who are urging that the proposed legislation to extend intervention in Northern Territory communities be withdrawn, namely:
Social Security Legislation Amendment Bill 2011
Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory (Consequential & Transitional Provisioins) 2011
Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Bill 2011.

New directions in policies need to be based on cooperation, NOT intervention, with strategies community-driven, NOT imposed by non-Aborigianl "managers". There are many strong women and men in the communities capable and ready to initiate and carry forward community-based programs. They have already voiced their opposition to the proposed 10 year extension of the *Stronger Futures* legislation with its damaging effects on community spirit and morale. They ask to be respected. Please listen to them and support them as they work to build a better way of life for their people in accordance with their culture. Do not deprive them and their communities of their rights.

I write this on Australia Day when the ever-growing non-Aboriginal population rejoices and celebrates its good fortune in living in this magnificent country STOLEN from the Aboriginal people who cared for it and themselves so well for over
50 000 years. Please do not burden our Aboriginal sisters and brothers in the Northern Territory with another **ten years**
of intervention and loss of autonomy.

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