Hi there,
I understand that the Senate has been asked to look into the proposed Stronger Futures Legislation, regarding the extension of the terms of the Northern Territories Intervention. I am glad this is being questioned as the intervention is extremely contraversial for your governments human rights record world wide.
From the outside worlds point of view, the main question that needs answering, although there are many, is regarding the genuine reason for this intervention. Is it really for the good of the communities as publicised or is there another reason they want the communities off reservation and into towns?
In a time of economic downturn, honesty about resources in the area, rather than a cover up with a human rights infringing legislation, would be very positive for the counties prosperity, for the mining companies and for the costly benefit dependence of the communities themselves.
To extend such a smoke screen of a legislation, would not only show ignorance towards democratic values and the participation of the aboriginals in your constitution, but heighten the costly tension of an already very public battle, making the mining companies job of economic bolstering much harder. This mistake can be righted with co-operation, you'd be crazy to prolong a proven mistake.

Allowing mining on sacred lands is contraversial but arguable.
Allowing oppression of communities to cover up mining interests is dishonest and unconstitutional.
Which option do you want your government to be remembered for all over the world?

I sincerely hope for the sake of your western nations reputation world wide, that the answer is obvious.
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