

I make this submission to state that I strongly support the Ensuring Northern Territory Rights Bill 2021. There is no justification in 2021 to prevent the Northern Territory from creating its own legislation. This is an area on which it is imperative that all states and territories in Australia have an equal footing.

The NT not having the ability to make its own legislation has resulted in inappropriate Commonwealth influence in matters that should be being decided by Territorians and their elected representatives, including matters related to acquisition of property on just terms, determining of employment disputes and voluntary assisted dying. The latter is particularly galling given that some states are now changing legislation on the matter and the NT is being prevented from doing the same.

Yours sincerely

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