

To the Senate Community Affairs Committee re: Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory Bill 2011

I am writing to express my opposition to the current Stronger Futures legislation. Since when did the ALP become the party of trying to help people via punitive, "tough" policies? Since when did patriarchy and heavy handedness become the supposed tools to empower and strengthen the next generation of Indigenous Australians?

You've heard it all before, but only because it's the right thing to do. Listen to the communities, then support them. Admit that this is going to take a long time and a lot more money, and just do it right! Can you imagine what the coalition will do with this kind of legislation when they next get in??

Thanks for your time,

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