

To the Senate Community Affairs Committee

Regarding Stronger futures in the Northern Territory Bill 2011

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Submission opposing the Proposed Stronger Futures Legislation.

I believe the legislation is discriminatory in that Australia is singling out the aboriginal people for this bill regardless of the problems.

Some people just do have unjust things done to them, and I believe in this instance aboriginal Australians are being unjustly treated.

Jesus suffered injustice, where the rule was done not according to Pilate's judgement, but according to the loud shouting of the crowd. In Chapter 23 verses 13 -16 "Pilate then called together the chief priests and leaders, and the people and said to them "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod for he sent him back to us. Indeed he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and then release him" and in verses 22 and 23 "A third time he said to them "Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no grounds for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him" But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed."

Aboriginal elders have asked for bilingual education coming back.

Aboriginal elders are against the people not being able to decide on their own use of their land.

I agree with words from another opposition submission which says:

"I ask that the legislation be withdrawn and that an alternative policy is developed based on genuine consultation, community empowerment, the respect of Aboriginal culture, lands and languages, and the fundamental right of Aboriginal people to be able to control their own lives."

Thankyou

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