

I do not believe the time frame and methods given for submissions and feedback to be provided on The Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (Economic Empowerment) Bill 2021 are acceptable and appropriate.

Given the complexity of the Bill, and amount of relevant stakeholders involved (such as and especially traditional owners, especially those not already involved in Land Councils) I do not believe sufficient time has been given for appropriate feedback to be sought and collected.

Given the inappropriately short timeframe permitted, I would even go so far as to say this comes across as an attempt to silence or avoid any dissent, and manufacture consent for the government's and relevant business stakeholders' (companies etc., mining corporations) preferred variation of the legislation, which is of course highly inappropriate and creates the impression of corruption and perverse incentives.

As such, I am strongly of the belief that not only should far more time be permitted for public consultation, with a minimum of 3 months, it should also be far more highly publicized, and presented in a form more suitable for the average person's perusal, so as to achieve genuine community consultation and sourcing of genuine community opinions before the amendment is implemented.