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Social Security Legislation Amendment (Debit card Trial) Bill 2015.

Committee Secretary,

Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs,

P.O. Box 6100,

Parliament House,

Canberra.

To whom it may concern

We introduce ourselves as two concerned community members of the Ceduna area, and feel we have to speak up on this very important matter.

We see this as a violation of human rights on a large scale. We feel this is dictatorship, creates loss of dignity, loss of basic Australian freedoms and shame.

There will be many places that cash will be needed in our community e.g. garage sales, markets, 2nd hand, privately owned cars and goods. The list goes on.

Recently, one of us was approached by an N.T. traveller and asked where he could use his basics/welfare/healthy welfare/income management, whatever it is called, card. He was embarrassed to ask.

This card is aimed at specific aboriginal communities but affects our entire community. It is discrimination at its worst. Not only racial discrimination, but also the rich and the poor.

We have not been told of any further management for the addicted. In our opinion, it will bring more crime to our town, the suicide rate will increase, prostitution and the scamming for cash, of very vulnerable people.

How do we buy a raffle ticket, put money in the church bowl, or give our kids canteen or pocket money.

It is a very small minority that cause problems in our community. Unfortunately, they are the ones that people see misbehaving. The vast majority of welfare recipients are responsible people.

We need a rehabilitation centre.

Finally, who will police this, more Star Force?

Yours sincerely,

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