

To Whom It May Concern

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My opinion is that the Intervention in the Northern Territory must end. A situation where Australia's own racial discrimination laws are ignored is untenable, and if the government has not succeeded in dramatically reducing the rates of child abuse in the last 4 and a half years, it will not do so in another 10. What is needed is a cooperative, sustainable approach, that builds trust and strengthens communities.

Australia's AYAD program is the perfect example of a program which works with communities to build them, using the professional skills and resources of the developed to assist the developing. It is time we acknowledged that remote communities in Australia can be considered developing, and to treat them as we would others; not to send in troops and bring in emergency powers of control and intimidation.

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Best Regards,

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