

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ASSEMBLED IN PARLIAMENT

This petition of Petitioners and Citizens of Australia draw the attention of the House that:

1. The Social Security and other Legislation Amendment (Welfare Payment Reform) Act 2007, designates five situations in which a person may become subject to an income management regime
 - Income management of residents in prescribed communities as part of the NTER
 - Income management linked in child protection;
 - Income management linked to school enrolment;
 - Income management linked to school attendance; and
 - Income management as recommended by the Family Responsibilities Commission, Cape York.
2. The report of the Board of Review into the Northern Territory Emergency Intervention urged on 14th October 2008 an end to the compulsory income management system.
3. Quarantining of income is a severe intervention into the lives of families. Quarantining of income without comprehensive family support services and guaranteed access to universal services is not an effective response to neglect and or truancy.

We therefore ask the House to:

1. Rescind all legislation providing quarantining of social security income for both indigenous and non indigenous families?
2. Affirm the principle that garnisheeing of income in respect to school enrolment and school attendance and child protection issues only occur under judicial review.