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Attention: Senate Hearing

I wish to appeal against the current legislation introduced into parliament this week on the following grounds

It will mean:

- the suspension of the Racial Discrimination Act,
- the suspension of the permit system. This will not have any useful impact on improving the social issues affecting some Aboriginal communities
- the creation of a number of new criminal offences with the potential to dramatically increase the rate of imprisonment of indigenous Australians, and
- the suspension of Native Title with non-cash compensation in a manner which may lead to permanent extinguishment. The legislation that was hard fought for, to give Aboriginal people some ownership and independence could be lost forever.

I look forward to some wisdom and decisions being made which do not place Australia as a racist outpost in the world.

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