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To: Barnett, Guy (Senator)
Subject: Dont pass these flawed bills on intervention in NT communities

Dear Minister,

Please do not support this knee-jerk legislative response to a complex and long-term situation. The legislator does not implement even one of the recommendations of the Little Children are Sacred Report, it has been drafted and the intervention commenced without any meaningful consultation with indigenous communities, and it includes measures such as the removal of the permit system for entry into indigenous land and a five-year takeover of the leases of 73 townships and communities that have nothing to do with the issue of sexual abuse and are simply part of the Federal Government agenda to undermine indigenous land rights. The Bill will exempt part of the legislation from the Racial Discrimination Act, and this is an unacceptable situation that should not be supported.

Many thanks for your consideration of this important issue,

Valerie Thompson