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Cc: Joseph Castley

Subject: Please Vote Against the NT Indigenous Bills

Dear Senator

I urge you to vote against the Bill/s to be introduced shortly relating to Indigenous issues in the NT.

I further urge you to do everything in your power to respect Recommendation One of *Little Children are Sacred*, which is:

"That Aboriginal child sexual abuse in the Northern Territory be designated as an issue of urgent national significance by both the Australian and Northern Territory Governments, and both governments immediately establish a collaborative partnership with a Memorandum of Understanding to specifically address the protection of Aboriginal children from sexual abuse. It is critical that both governments commit to genuine consultation with Aboriginal people in designing initiatives for Aboriginal communities."

I particularly ask you to respect the plea for genuine consultation.

In this context I draw your attention to the comments made by Lieutenant General John Sanderson, a former head of the Australian Army and a former Governor of WA, which were:

"..... Aboriginal children do not need soldiers "kicking footballs and playing the guitar"
..... [Aboriginal people] should also not have to endure the uncertainty of compulsory
acquisition of their land.... [i]nstead the communities need ongoing development funding
so they can live on their land, get educated and participate in the global economy **on their
terms**. [emphasis added].

Yours sincerely

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