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Dear Senator:

As a citizen of Australia, I am approaching you in the hope that you will consider voting against the passing of the Legislation relating to the removal of power from the Aboriginal people on Indigenous Communities, and the "dis-applying" of the Racial Discrimination Act, all in the name of stopping child abuse on these communities.

As stated recently by Mick Dodson, further abuse of power over the lives of Aboriginal people will not bring about the cessation of this problem.

Having worked myself in Central Australia for a number of years I am very familiar with the problems faced by Indigenous communities, and do not believe that any approach without proper consultation & co-operation with the people themselves as to what would be acceptable from their perspective as a solution will ever work.

In anticipation that you may consider or reconsider your point of view,

Yours sincerely,
Suzanne Dorrington