

PRESS RELEASE

NATIONAL RALLY ON THE INTERVENTION 21 JUNE 2008

The NT Anti-Discrimination Commission calls for an abandonment of the intervention and for repeal of the legislation that enabled it.

The confusion, unfairness and inconvenience brought to remote communities by intervention measures such as one off short term health checks, creation of powerful community business managers, income quarantining regardless of fault and the suspension of NT and Federal race discrimination legislation can never be justified.

The incidence of child abuse in remote communities will not diminish until disadvantage is removed.

Instead of continuing the intervention, it's time for the Federal and NT Governments to finance long term measures to improve housing, build schools, provide sufficient teachers, implement health policies and develop long term staff.

Join your voice to thousands of Australians across the country who oppose the intervention at National Rallies on Saturday, 21 June 2008.



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