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To Whom it May Concern
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The Australian Peace Committee wishes to sign this public statement expressing our support for the Yolgnu Nations opposing the passage of the Stronger Futures Bill in the senate. We are aware of Aboriginal Elders who feel strongly that they are being rushed into something they do not agree with and that their opinions are not being adequately heard.

Quoting from Walter Shaw [ABC 'Online Opinion'](#) 6th June 2012

"I would like to pay respect to the traditional owners of the land in which we are meeting here today, both past and present."

But these are just words, and they are tokenistic words at that. They do not reflect the real actions of government. The 'present' they refer to is no different to the past. Paying respect is about more than an opening line in a speech. It's about listening to those affected by government policy, and it's about acting on what is said. It's about genuine consultation."

We don't believe that genuine consultation has taken place

Sincerely

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