

Older Women's Network - Aboriginal Support Circle

The Older Women's Network - Aboriginal Support Circle stands in solidarity with the Yolngu Makarr Dhuni and other Northern Territory communities in opposition to the proposed Stronger Futures Bill.

We call on the Australian Government to scrap the bill and undertake meaningful conferences with all traditional owners and Land Councils where their objections are listened to.

The affected communities in the Northern Territory need to be supported to live and thrive on their homelands and their languages and cultures should be incorporated in to the teaching of their children. The proposed Stronger Futures Bill is not in accordance with human rights. The First Peoples of Australia deserve to be treated with dignity and respect in contrast to the hurt and despair that they feel at present.

The only way forward is for the Government and Indigenous Australians to work in partnership with each other.

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