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Statement re Stronger Futures Legislation

At Women's Web Inc we wish to wholeheartedly support the Yolgnu Elders' Statement as articulated by Women for Wik in their support for the Yolgnu Nations Assembly concerns.

Statement

Women for Wik respectfully support the Yolgnu Elders' Statement in their determined opposition to The Stronger Futures Legislation.

This legislation will undermine the human rights of Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory until 2022 – and will renew and even expand some of the harshest measures under the Howard Government's' Northern Territory Emergency Response for ten more years according to ANTar.

We join an increasing number of national organisations and concerned individuals supporting this important Statement.

The YNA are calling on the Federal and Territory Governments “...to end their interventionist policies and agendas, and return to a mindset of partnership based on the principles of Self-Determination”.

True and respectful partnerships, not top-down 'paternalistic' directives are the only way ahead for A&TSI peoples.

Every person in Australia must be treated alike and allowed their human right to take control over their lives, otherwise they are not treated as fully human. Why treat Aboriginal Australians differently?

This proposed legislation is a direct attack on the humanity of A&TSI people of the NT. This legislation is “supposedly for the good of women” as in the past. This is 2012 not 1911.

Such are their concerns the YNA are calling for the proposed legislation to be withdrawn.

We urge you to give considered attention to the concerns raised in YNA statement - to the views of A&TSI men and women.

Thank you,

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On Behalf of Women's Web Inc

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