

SELECTION OF BILLS COMMITTEE
Proposal to refer a bill to a committee

Name of bill:

Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Amendment (Economic Empowerment) Bill 2021

Reasons for referral/principal issues for consideration:

- Insufficient consultation on the proposed bill with affected First Nations communities and Traditional Owners
- Potential weakening of First Nations land rights
- Potential weakening of consultation with Traditional Owners, particularly in relation to mining and exploration processes
- Strengthening of Land Council powers
- Implications of changes to the ABA and establishments of NTAI
- Redefinition of Aboriginal person

Possible submissions or evidence from:

- NT Traditional Owner groups
- NT Land Councils
- NT Prescribed Body Corporates
- National Native Title Tribunal
- NIAA
- Australian Human Rights Commission
- Law Council of Australia
- concerned Australians

Committee to which bill is to be referred:

Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration

Possible hearing date(s):

Weeks of November 8 and November 15, 2021

Possible reporting date:

2 December 2021

(signed)


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