PETITION

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ASSEMBLED IN PARLIAMENT

This Petition of certain citizens of Australia draws to the attention of the House the many well-known public figures of this country who have publicly rejected the actions of the current Federal Government in its Northern Territory Intervention Strategy and Legislation and expresses our deep concern about it because:

- the Government's strategy has been implemented with no consultation with Indigenous community leaders;
- the bulk of the $587 million allocated is to be spent on administration and bureaucrats rather than directly assisting Indigenous Communities;
- quarantining of welfare payments will result in many families, who are already struggling, being worse off;
- removal of the entry permit system exposes communities and children to further risk.

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