

NO MORE BROKEN PROMISES its time to break the intervention

On February 13, 2010 there will be a national day of action against the Northern Territory Intervention and for Aboriginal rights.

This will mark the 2nd anniversary of the Apology to the Stolen Generations, when Prime Minister Rudd committed the government to, "a future where this Parliament resolves that the injustices of the past must never, never happen again".

However, ongoing punitive NT Intervention policies reek of the same paternalism and commitment to assimilation that created the Stolen Generations. The demonisation of Aboriginal people at the core of the Intervention is leading to increased racism across Australia. Juvenile detention rates are increasing and Aboriginal organisations face aggressive mainstreaming.

The Intervention has been a \$1 billion disaster- it has not yet built a single house and communities will shamefully not receive housing until they sign 40-year leases over their land. This policy is expanding nationally.

The income quarantine is leading to greater poverty and social dislocation. Government statistics show reports of domestic violence are up 61%, substance abuse up 77% and 13% more infants were hospitalised for malnutrition.

Rather than do away with failing policy, compulsory welfare quarantining is being extended to "areas of disadvantage" around the country. Compulsory acquisition of Aboriginal land and draconian police powers, have been re-badged "special measures" under the Racial Discrimination Act.

RACISM IS NOT A SPECIAL MEASURE

Aboriginal people have consistently demanded an end to the NT Intervention measures and resistance is growing. Turning around the unacceptable disadvantage facing Aboriginal people requires massive increases in resourcing of community controlled organisations- not more racist laws.

demands for the february 13 protest are:

Stop the NT Intervention – Sorry means you won't do it again End the income quarantine- stop the national expansion Land rights, not leases

Self-determination, not assimilation

Aboriginal controlled housing and services for all communities

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