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Statement from Congress Co-Chairs, Jody Broun and Les Malezer

Congress notes the Federal Government's [announcement](#) yesterday of a number of measures they wish to include in the upcoming legislation related to future arrangements in the Northern Territory.

Minister Macklin wants to introduce that legislation next week and will request it goes directly to a Committee for review. This means interested organisations and people can submit their views on the legislation.

Our focus is now firmly on the legislation. We are seeking direct involvement in the Committee process and are currently investigating the best and most effective ways for Congress to be part of the review of this legislation.

We also encourage all of our members, especially our Northern Territory members to review the upcoming legislation, and let their views on it be known to the Committee and to Congress.

While we note the more holistic approach of the initiatives in yesterday's announcement, they must be included as part of a long-term commitment to sustainable outcomes of community led positive change in the Northern Territory.

Congress also wants to remind all our Members of our [Statement on the NT Intervention](#) released on 27 October.

In this statement, produced after consultation with our NT Members, Congress opposes any blanket measures or one-size-fits-all solutions.

Congress supports evidence-based programs and effective communication and consultation with, and the active participation and consent of, the Aboriginal people involved.

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