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Campaign update

24th September 2007

Northern Territory Intervention

Since our last email, in which we expressed our deep concerns about the manner of Government interventions, there has not been much change to our position. Much of the commentary coming from Aboriginal people directly affected by these interventions continues to raise concerns. Perhaps one good outcome has been the intense media coverage; at last 'mainstream' Australia has the opportunity to learn more about issues affecting Aboriginal people. Certainly there has been a ground swell of attention being focused on these issues, which was not the case in previous years. Sadly though, Aboriginal voices are still not as prominent as politicians and other commentators and facts and reasoned arguments are still eluding many. While we might be lulled into thinking that this flurry of activity means that things will change, and will change for the better, as individuals we must be certain to continue to delve beyond the headlines. We must listen to what Aboriginal people are saying, particularly those who are most directly affected by these events.

In light of this, we urge you to have a look at the Women for Wik's website at <http://www.womenforwik.org/index.html>. The group presents a genuine attempt for people to present informed and reasoned points of view as well as action ideas and resources. You can sign onto their petition and join in the National Day of Action on October 19th. The website also presents good fact sheets and draws together facts, figures and experiences.

40 Days of Action for 40 Years of Inaction - OCTOBER

Download action sheets for each of the days at the MIPH website - [Click here - 40 Days of Action Sheets](#).

1st October - Labour Day

[Click here - 40 Days of Action Sheets](#).

17th October - Anti Poverty Week

Find out how you can mark this important week [Click here - 40 Days of Action Sheets](#).

40 Days of Action for 40 Years of Inaction

In 2007, we recognize the 40th anniversary of the referendum which changed the way that Indigenous people were regarded in this country. Sadly, the divide between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australia remains stark; particularly in the areas of health, education and other key indicators of wellbeing. This year we invite you to take 40 days of action to rectify 40 years of inaction.

The 40 days of action are listed on a card and poster which are available from our office.

For each day we will post suggested actions on our website.

What will you do today to Make *Indigenous* Poverty History?

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MIPH t.shirts

Don't forget to show your support for the campaign by wearing an MIPH t-shirt. Order through the website: www.makeindigenouspvertyhistory.org

This campaign is all about getting involved and supporting initiatives that work. If you know about local programs and ideas that are

making a difference please let us know. Also, don't forget to tell us about activities that you organise to support the campaign, we'll post it on the website to inspire others.

Sincerely,
NATSIEC

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The **Make Indigenous Poverty History** campaign is an initiative of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ecumenical Commission (NATSIEC) which is a commission of the National Council of Churches in Australia.

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