

**PRESS CONFERENCE**

**NT CONSULTATIONS ARE SAID TO BE THE BASIS FOR NEW LEGISLATION – MAKE  
UP YOUR OWN MIND**

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**LAUNCH:**        *NT Consultations Report 2011: By Quotations*

and

**DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED STRONGER FUTURES LEGISLATION**

**FACILITATOR:** **JEFF McMULLEN AM**

Well-known journalist and CEO (Honorary), Ian Thorpe Foundation for Youth

**Date:**            Wednesday, 15 February 2012

**Time:**            12.30pm

**Venue:**            Sir Zelman Cowen Centre, Victoria University, Queen St Campus  
2nd floor, 295 Queens St (entrance Little Lonsdale St), Melbourne

'concerned Australians' is hosting this event to launch a new book report and an opportunity for an informed commentary by two of Australia's eminent legal minds on the proposed Stronger Futures legislation currently before the Senate and subject to review by the Senate Community Affairs Committee.

The proposed Stronger Futures legislation purports to reflect the wishes of Aboriginal peoples as expressed through the recent Northern Territory Stronger Futures consultations. No official recordings were taken of those consultations. ***NT Consultation Report 2011: By Quotations*** is based on 10 consultations from different parts of the Northern Territory – Mutitjulu, Kintore, Alice Springs Town Camps, Yuendumu, Bagot Town Camp, Maningrida, Galiwin'ku, Yirrkala and two Public Consultations in Darwin and Alice Springs. **The transcripts to these 10 consultations will be made public.** It will be noted that there is a surprising consistency of views across all the transcripts giving us a direct understanding into what Aboriginal people have asked of Government, including their desire for an end to the Intervention.