

Mr Barnett threatened to close between 100 to 150 Indigenous communities, but didn't identify the communities and couldn't make up his mind why he wanted to close them, with unsubstantiated reasons including budgetary issues and child protection. Child protection was also used as the scapegoat for the NT intervention, but years after sending in the army there is still no supporting evidence.

Why did they intervene? what reaction is likely if these Government accusations and situations happen in non-Indigenous communities? exactly.

If Mr Barnett wants to close communities to force people from the land for resource exploitation through his former role as Minister for State Development, then say so.

To truly support communities we must engage with them to understand the most practical and efficient mechanisms to achieve positive results. Communities have strong fundamental cultural connections and are as diverse and geologically attractive as they are remote. Establishing community driven tourism and science related programs promoting locally owned business including cultural, tourism and science (eg archaeology) related ventures will likely encourage positive community outcomes.

"Close the gap, not the communities".

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