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The Intervention was implemented in the name of the children, yet child removals have reached unprecedented levels and are still rising. A child removal epidemic is gripping Aboriginal communities across Australia, with 14,000 Aboriginal children currently in 'out of home care', more than were removed at the height of the Stolen Generations

Incarceration rates are the worst in the world. Deaths in custody continue. Since the NT Intervention, reports of attempted suicide and self-harm have increased fivefold, and more women are being hospitalised because of assault than ever before. The lack of education and employment opportunities and the disempowerment of communities has led to appalling and still rising rates of child suicide. Land theft for mining and deadly dumping purposes are winding back Gough Whitlam's guarantee of land rights.

The move to force Aboriginal people living in small remote settlements off their lands that begun with the NT Intervention is now being felt Australia wide, with the Commonwealth government announcing its intention to withdraw from funding remote service delivery and the WA and SA governments threatening the closure of more than 150 communities.

Marking Human Rights Day 2014, come and hear the facts from First Nations people and their supporters. Three groups involved in combating these shocking conditions invite you to a free forum to hear their stories and discuss what is to be done.

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