We've had enough

We have had enough. Cars being stolen while we sleep, home invasions, business break-ins, disgusting behaviour on our streets, children roaming the streets, vandalising things, at all hours of the night. (What happened to the curfew?)

People being attacked daily and robbed at night. What an absolute joke. The queues start well before the bottle shops open. You then hear the noise and abuse ringing out from all areas of our beautiful town throughout the night. Enough is enough.

Let's get serious! Get the army in to take control of the situation. If the police do not have the resources somehow else needs to be done.

A friend phoned twice the other night to be told they were too busy. Too busy in the topical storms with family violence.

Criminal punishment is needed and one law for all with extreme consequences. You commit, you commit to jail.

There are warning signs within the community that we will take no more and the intruders will start taking the consequences.

I hope our town can be turned around, or something far uglier may start. It happened in the '70s and will happen again.

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Making a difference

I find it amazing that anybody could have a problem with the intervention. Thankfully people I have heard complain about the Intervention are drug addicts and alcoholics who are unable to get these two substances with their Basics card.

The number of times I have witnessed parents buying themselves a feed, then buying a 20 cent iceblock or relish for the kids — only to have them throw it in the car and wait for them to finish drinking.

Since the Basics card was introduced I noticed a marked difference in what was being bought. Kids were actually being taken care of.

I'm pretty sure when the Basics card was created, it wasn't intended to be used as a poker chip in a gambling game.

The number of times I witnessed families buy $80 worth of fast food to take on a running trip, only to admit the next day they were too lazy to leave.

If you're truly worried about the government telling you how to spend your money, maybe you could get a job and earn your own money.

I can guarantee you'll be complaining after two weeks that you lose so much tax money to pay the bludgers.

And you can't spend your time complaining about things our ancestors did. The stolen generation were not as bad as sexual abuse, but what about the current children that are being sexually abused in Aboriginal communities right now? And by their own people. That being said, there are exceptions. There are always exceptions, but they are the exception — not the rule. And it's a real shame because there are a lot of people trying hard.

But at the end of the day, they are the people with jobs.

We're no longer living in the stollen generation, we're living in the give-away generation. How can we possibly expect remuneration for being taken when you are giving your kids away without a second thought? I have heard Aboriginal people say this themselves and it is starting to become very true.

If you don't like the white man's way — stop driving cars, wearing shoes, using electricity and eating fast food. The government will pay for you to live on your original land, they will build you a house, so go hunt your own food and live off the land.

But that won't happen. And collecting dead kangaroos off the highway doesn't count.

Just don't say the white man continues to control how you spend your money when you are unemployed because last time I checked, it isn't your money.

After all, the government doesn't tell you how to spend your royalties — you blow that all on your own.

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Not quite illegal

In response to G Saxby (Double lines galore, May 4), contrary to what you state, it is not illegal to turn across those double lines.

A quick check of the Australian Road Rules will show that it is entirely legal to cross double lines when entering or exiting a property.

What is illegal is performing a U-turn or overtaking on double lines.

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