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## Constitutional commitments a highlight in election campaign with little focus on Indigenous issues

**ANTaR's election analysis, released today, concludes that the cross-party commitment to constitutional reform to recognise Indigenous peoples was the highlight of a campaign which otherwise largely overlooked Indigenous Australians.**

"We warmly welcome the commitment from all parties to take steps to recognise Indigenous people in our founding governance document. Constitutional reform will take us another step forward on our nation's reconciliation journey", said Dr Hunt.

"However, our election analysis, released today, shows that the two major parties have largely failed to outline a clear and detailed vision for the future development of Northern Territory remote communities, implementing the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and reducing the over-representation of Indigenous people in our prisons", said Dr Hunt.

"We welcome the Labor Party's commitment to shift from an emergency response in the Northern Territory to a sustainable community development phase", said Dr Hunt.

"However, we are disappointed that neither Labor nor the Coalition have outlined a long-term sustainable community development strategy for the Northern Territory. This is despite the fact that the original intervention measures will expire during the next term of government", said Dr Hunt.

We welcome the Australian Greens support for full implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and their commitment to Justice Reinvestment, an innovative strategy to reduce Indigenous incarceration.

"We expect that the Greens will use their role in the Senate to advocate on these important Indigenous social justice issues."

*ANTaR is the pre-eminent non-Indigenous national advocacy organisation dedicated specifically to the rights - and overcoming the disadvantage - of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.*

See ANTaR's election platform and analysis at:  
[http://www.antar.org.au/federal\\_election\\_2010](http://www.antar.org.au/federal_election_2010)

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