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1. Roll back the effects of the intervention
Return control to Northern Territory communities to prioritise their own agendas, bring back the permit system, reinstate all full benefits and abolish compulsory basic cards, introduce a voluntary system similar to the Arnhem Land Progress Association’s food card.
Re instate bilingual education in schools.
Re-direct the $109 million dollars spent in Canberra on managing basic cards to housing and amenities for Northern Territory remote communities.

2. Treaties
Recognise First Nations people’s rightful place in our traditional countries and establish a process for individual nations and traditional owners to negotiate specific treaties directly with the Government.

3. Caring for Country
Privileging traditional methods of caring for our environment by maintaining culture, language and ceremony in order to keep the country strong and our food and water sources secure.
We are opposed to the plan to house nuclear waste at Muckaty Station and techniques such as Fracking that can have lasting and irreversible effects on the Land and Environment.
Working together as a nation to actively reduce our carbon emissions as part of our global responsibility.

4. Cultural diversity
We stand for inclusiveness and celebrate cultural diversity in its many forms, this includes having compassion towards people seeking asylum in this country and other cultures already here.
That we celebrate our cultural diversity, multiple heritages and shared responsibilities by embracing traditional and contemporary cultures and values.

5. Economic development
That the Aboriginal Benefits Account be handed over to the Territory and administered by First Nations organisations for community purposes and business development opportunities for community groups, and individuals.
Create genuine opportunities for economic development through joint business ventures that are based on relationships, mutual respect and joint reciprocity.

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