

MAKARRATA

N.A.C. SELLOUT

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**PUBLIC WARNING -
WE ARE BEING TRICKED!**

The NATIONAL ABORIGINAL CONFERENCE (N.A.C.) is selling out our heritage, our independence, our proper Aboriginal identity, by calling for a 'MAKARRATA' instead of a 'TREATY', which includes a 'BILL OF ABORIGINAL RIGHTS'.

ABORIGINALS have never given away or sold any of our land, nor given whites the right to take any of it. Aboriginals always have owned ALL of Australia, our sacred lands - ruler, king, boss of our own country, sovereigns with sovereign right to rule in our own country. A KING, the boss in his own country, has ownership and sovereign right in his own land.

THE N.A.C. has been persuaded by their white managers, the Australian Government, NOT to ask for a Treaty, but to call their deal a 'Makarrata', an agreement which means 'all is well after the fight'.

THE N.A.C., on the advice of their white manager, agreed to compromise Aboriginal people by not calling for a 'TREATY' because a 'TREATY' means an agreement between equals - an agreement between men who own their own country and another government, the white government, - and agreement between sovereign nations.

THE WHITE GOVERNMENT says we are not rulers, kings in and of our own country, we are not equals. So instead of a Treaty between equals, between rightful owners, between kings, between sovereigns, they call for a 'Makarrata', a deal between white government and men with no status, rubbish men, same as the old 'Dog Licence'.

INSTEAD of land owner, king, who owns his own country and his law and ruler of his own government, they say we are vermin, rubbish who have no proper title and do not own land, rubbish men who haven't the right to

call for a Treaty, but only for an agreement - a dog deal.

WE MUST protect our heritage, the Australian government must recognise our sovereign right, our right as equals, as kins who fathers and mothers owned and ruled ALL of this country until the whiteman came with his government, came in with guns and strychnine, killed our men and killed our women and children - the whites said, 'Kill the breeders, kill the nits!'.

THEY SAID we had no government and no rules, no law. They said we were not kings in our own country and said we had no sovereign rights. They said our land was waste land an unoccupied. They said we were vermin and not human.

NOW THE ABORIGINALS on the N.A.C. have agreed with the white government and say they won't go for a Treaty between equals, between equal men with equal right. The N.A.C. say they will call their agreement a 'Makarrata' - 'things are OK again after the fight'.

Aboriginal way, 'Makarrata' is a dog deal, a Jacky Jacky deal, a pact with the devil on the devil's terms.

WE, THE ABORIGINAL people, have owned all of this country from the Dreamtime, from the time before time began. We are owners of this land. We are ruler, king, of our country and we must make white government talk to us as kings of our own country.

WE WANT our land ownership recognised, title to all tribal land, sacred areas, hunting and fishing rights and title to all reserves. For our tribes in the south, who had all their land stolen by whites, we want enough land so they can build their strength again and survive. We want all reserves and sacred sites.

WE WANT compensation, in cash, for all land taken and used by whites. In the Treaty, we want a Bill of Aboriginal Rights put into the Australian Constitution so the whiteman can't go back on his word.

THIS TIME, if the whiteman treats us like

vermin by making a rubbish agreement, if he says we are not king with our sovereign rights, we must prepare our people for a long and bitter fight, for we must fight against the Devil Deal 'Makarrata', the kiss of Judas.

IF WE DO NOT fight we will lose the law, the rule, and we'll become ungootcha, the soul-less, the dead who have no place. Our children will become the dead who have no place and will live like dogs in shame, under the whiteman forever.

WE WANT a Treaty, a Bill of Aboriginal Rights. We do not want a dog deal Makarrata, which the Aboriginals on the N.A.C. have been tricked into.

PREPARE to fight. Prepare the people for the storms, so justice and the proper way will live forever in our own country. Things are not OK after the fight, the fight is not over.....

THE N.A.C. DOES NOT REPRESENT THE ABORIGINAL PEOPLE. The N.A.C. is not even democratically elected, because to be democratic the people have to have a choice to vote for the speaker they want, their representative and also the party or the machinery. White elections have at least a Labor Party and a Liberal Party, at least two choices and the voice goes right to the top.

THE WHITE GOVERNMENT chose to set up one body of Aboriginals, the N.A.C., that can't have its full voice heard right to the top because there is a lid on them, the Committee of Aboriginal Development (C.A.D.) which is selected by the white minister and the N.A.C.

THE C.A.D. can veto N.A.C. decisions and the white minister can veto C.A.D. decisions. So the people's voice is not in it right to the top, but the white government claims the N.A.C. represents the voice of the Aboriginal people, says it is our black parliament.

WE SHOULD HAVE a choice between two bodies, not only the one N.A.C. that dances as the strings are pulled by white

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government. When Germany invaded Holland during the second world war, the Dutch would not co-operate with the invaders, so the Germans set up a 'quisling government' of Dutch traitors and called it their government, but the people had no choice. The N.A.C. is a 'quisling government' for the Aboriginal people.

THE NORTHERN LANDS COUNCIL, Central Lands Council, North Queensland Land Council, Aborigines in Perth, W.A., S.A., N.S.W., Victoria and Queensland said they want a Bill of Aboriginal Rights and the National Aboriginal Government to talk for them. They wrote letters saying this. We want proper selection so the traditional owners and Aborigines can elect their own voice and own spokesman to the National Government and form an Aboriginal Rights Council who talk straight to the white government and go back and talk straight to the people again.

THE PROPER WAY to select is that each big mob picks out their talker, telling him what to say and sends him to do it. He has to come back and talk again before any change is made. The Aboriginal Rights Council would be free of the whiteman's chains. As the first step of compensation, the white government must unconditionally provide the same amount of money that they give to their body, the N.A.C., for the Aboriginal Rights Council of the National Aboriginal Government, so that the voice of the Aboriginal people can be fairly represented.

SEND YOUR VOICE to the National Aboriginal Government, to the N.A.C. and the white minister, and to all tribes all over the country, telling them what you want.

TALK UP as the ruler, boss of your own country and lead your people the proper way. Otherwise the rules will leave our country, the proper way will be lost, our shadow, our soul, our dreaming will leave and we will lose forever. While ever there are fish in the river, while the sun is in the sky, the Aboriginal has to lead the people the strong way, the proper way - that is the business, the law.

VITAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN A TREATY OF COMMITMENT, AN ABORIGINAL BILL OF RIGHTS, AN AGREEMENT AND SOVEREIGN RIGHTS

A TREATY does not bind a government to the rules. A Treaty literally means the intention to legislate, the intention to carry out a recognised pact. It does not guarantee that the States will obey what the Federal government agrees to in the Treaty, or that meat will be given to the bones of that Treaty. It does not guarantee or give its unbreakable word that a new white government won't change the rules of the Treaty or rubbish it.

AN ABORIGINAL BILL OF RIGHTS in a Treaty would mean all white Australians and all State governments would hold a referendum and vote yes or no for a Bill of Aboriginal Rights to be included in the Australian constitution and to stay in the constitution to protect our Aboriginal rights forever.

HOWEVER:

The Federal Australian Government is not a completely autonomous, sovereign government in its own right.

THE AUSTRALIAN Government is not a sovereign government in its own right. It is still under the control and power of Britain, the sovereign nation. This was proved when the British Queen's main representative and controller of Australia, the governor-general, Sir John Kerr, kicked the representative sovereign government, the Whitlam Federal Labor government out of power. The governor-general acted in the name of the Queen of Britain.

THE WHITE government, acting for their sovereign of Australia, the Queen of Britain, can immediately legislate under the power of Britain. Under the power of British statute of Westminster, the Australian constitution can be altered without recourse to a referendum and if necessary, without the consent of the Australian government. An Aboriginal Bill of Rights can be included in the Australian constitution by Britain exercising its sovereign power under the statute of Westminster.

IT IS THE sovereign right of Aboriginal people to call on sovereign Britain to negotiate a Treaty. It is

the Aboriginal right to offer a Treaty to any other sovereign power if the British and Australian governments refuse to accept.

When exploring and colonising, the British recognised the sovereign right of indigenous native peoples. Britain gave orders that the land was to be settled only with 'the consent of the natives'. The colonisers disobeyed that law and invaded our country, instead of asking for our consent to occupy or buy the land like British law said they should.

THE SETTLERS said we had no government, no land ownership, no human rights. They said we were not human. They said the land was 'waste land and unoccupied'. They murdered our people and took the land by force as outlaws and desecrators.

IN 1837, the British government in their House of Commons said white Australian settlement was wrong and that the Aboriginal country was taken illegally, outside British law. Recommendations to rectify the situation were ignored in Australia. That means that the Federal government of Australia illegally, without proper law or rights, now occupies our land.

THEY ARE ROBBERS and murderers who have acted without obeying the proper law. Our land is wrongfully occupied. The Australian government must follow the proper law of Britain and accept the fact of our sovereign right, our ownership of this our land.

A BILL OF ABORIGINAL rights included in the Australian constitution and in the Treaty is the

proper way for the Aboriginal owners of our land to talk to whites.

AN AGREEMENT can be a promise between two people. It doesn't mean the agreement will be kept. It doesn't stop government from changing the words of the agreement.

THE MAKARRATA agreement takes away our right as the proper owners of our land to go outside Australia to ask for our rights to be recognised. It takes away our sovereign power and says we are, in political terms, a domestic matter, only to be heard inside Australia.

SOVEREIGN RIGHT is the right of the proper owners of the land to talk to the invading white government, or other governments, about land ownership - the right to decide how much of our land, the land left to us by the law and the old ones, our sacred land, we want to keep for Aborigines and how much we will sell and let the invaders live on.

SOVEREIGN RIGHT means the right of the boss people, the owners, to talk in their right place as boss, as king.

LAND RIGHTS.

WE KNOW we own the land. Our tribes own all the land in this country. Why do we talk about Land Right - Land ownership and compensation?

LAND RIGHTS IS an attempt to gain some of our land back and to draw up the area of land onto a map, so the white people know where the borders are and can register the title.

EVEN! THOUGH EVERYONE knows we own our land, the Woodward Commission

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and the white courts try to give us as little as possible. They make us fight our land claim in the white courts under white rules to try and trick us out of our land right. They keep us poor by making us pay for white solicitors and expenses. Sometimes each land right case costs us \$40,000 and if the white rules trick us, we lose the money and the land.

THE AGREEMENTS made by government have no faith or good heart. The Pitjanjarra got land and mineral right. Now the minister of Aboriginal Affairs says the mineral agreement has to be chucked out so miners can go into Pitjanjarra country and dig it up like they did before Land Right.

ABORIGINAL LAND Right is proper. It means we want ownership recognised and the title deeds registered so that no mistakes can be made.

ABORIGINALS OWN ALL of Australia. It is our land, our right to hold our main areas, our tribal land, our sacred sites. The white man has got it wrong, he should draw up a plan, a map, of the land he wants to buy off us for his people to live on and ask us, the Aborigines, if we will sell some of our land to him.

IT IS NOT HARD for white Australians to give us back our proper Land Right. When they took over Papua Nuigini, its land and people, they gave Land Right back to the Papua Nuigini people. But Australia is the only country in the world that hasn't given back Land Right to the indigenous people they have colonised.

THE AMERICAN Red Indian has Treaties. They are recognized as a nation within a nation. They still have their sovereign rights.

THE MAORI in New Zealand have their Land Rights, they did not surrender their sovereign rights.

ABORIGINAL Land Right is for white Australia to take notice of our sovereign right - to recognise our right of ownership of all the land before Captain Cook came to this land - to take notice that we never gave away or sold land to whites. We never signed a Treaty. We never surrendered any of our land to them

WE WANT a Bill of Aboriginal Rights to be concluded and made law

forever to protect our people forever.

THE FEDERAL government and State governments shall:

LAND RIGHTS

Ask to reside upon any portion of land to legally qualify themselves and their subject white citizens. They shall also acknowledge and guarantee the Treaty and Bill of Aboriginal Rights for inclusion into the Australian constitution.

- Guarantee and facilitate the return of our land base, our sacred and traditional areas in perpetuity.

- Guarantee and facilitate the return of our sacred sites and their protection.

- Where tribes have been massacred and driven from their traditional home land, land bases shall be returned on a needs basis in inalienable perpetual title.

- Guarantee that Aboriginal communities retain their sovereignty - nation within a nation.

- Guarantee fishing and hunting and camping rights without any white rule usurping or restraining our right in this matter.

- Guarantee that in those areas where traditional Aboriginal law is maintained, that Aboriginal law prevails.

- Acknowledge the sovereignty of the Aboriginal nation and guarantee the establishment of a war crimes tribunal to examine questions of massacre, infringements against human rights, racial victimisation and apartheid.

- Guarantee a compensation and war reparation fund be established to pay for human, social cultural damages inflicted unlawfully upon us by white Australia.

- Guarantee a compensatory fund be established from a negotiated percentage of the gross national product and a continuous levy of 2% on local and federal valuer-general's unimproved capital value of all lands held by whatever title, except Aboriginal perpetual title.

- Guarantee the establishing of a primary compensation/reparation fund equalling 2½% of the gross national product taken over the last twenty five years.

- Guarantee that, of all Aboriginal land bases

claimed and all traditional areas claimed, the total shall be not less than 33 and one-third percentum of the total

land mass of Australia.

- Guarantee that, where the area of land-base cannot be determined according to traditional structures because of contemporary fragmentation of Aboriginal communities in that area, or loss of traditional information because of enslavement, transportation to different areas of the country by whites or fleeing from massacre areas, the people shall be returned a land base determined on a basis of land per total capita (excluding Aborigines from the per capita sum), the sum acreage per capita multiplied by a sum of 5 - or the area to be not less than 2 square mile per Aboriginal in the designated area.

- Guarantee that all mineral rights on designated Aboriginal lands be held by Aborigines,

such right to be inalienable and not to exclude their right of consent or veto on mining.

- Guarantee the establishing of a National Aboriginal Government Commission to be fully representative of Aborigines, completely autonomous and staffed and controlled by Aborigines. This Commission to receive Compensatory and Royalty disbursement funds and to represent Aboriginal people.

- Guarantee the establishing of a National Aboriginal Bank of Australia.

- Guarantee the establishing of a National Academy of Fine Arts.

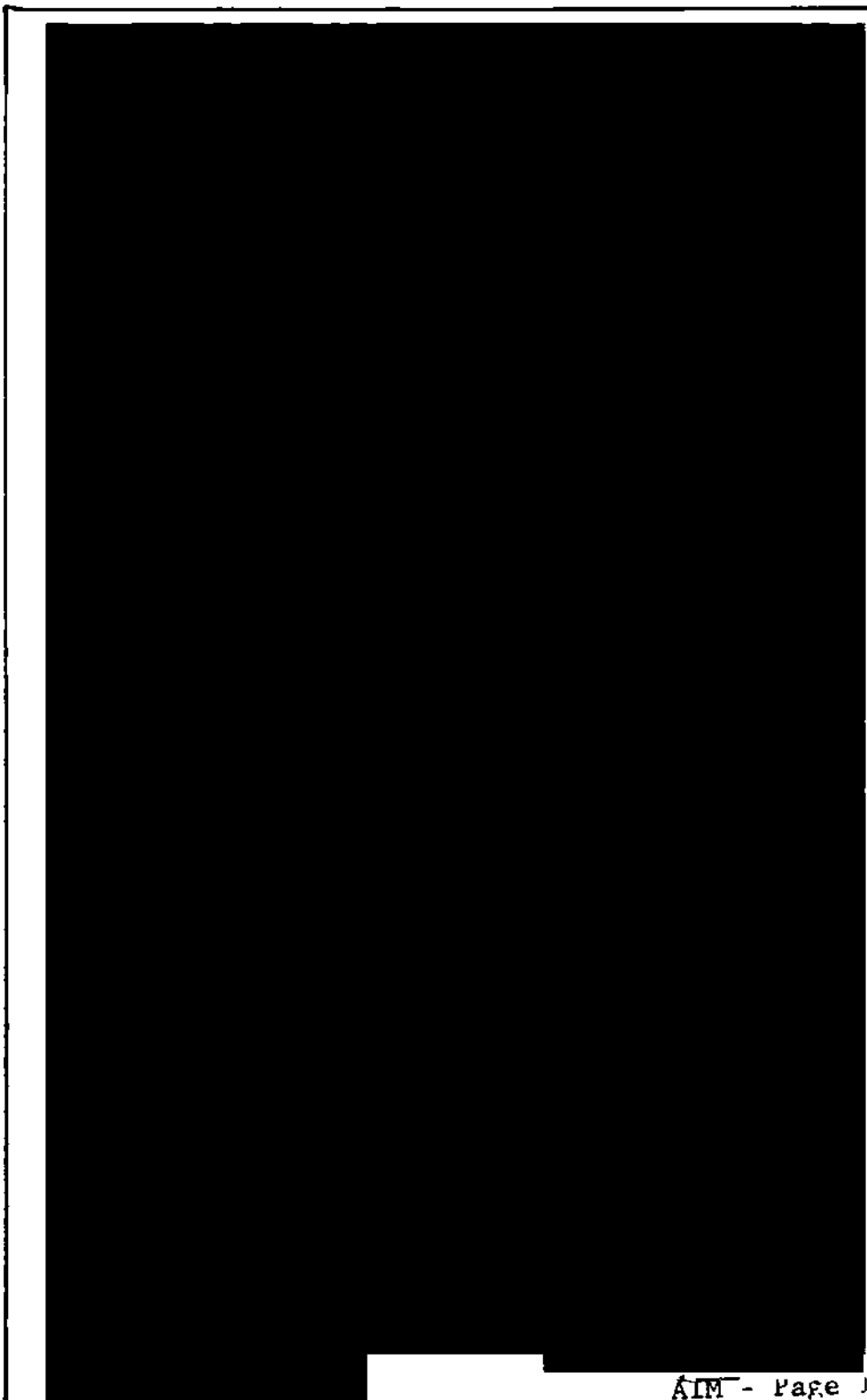
- Guarantee the establishing of a National Aboriginal Art Gallery.

- Guarantee a National Holiday be declared to celebrate National Aborigines Day.

- Guarantee to establish within Parliament 3 Parliamentary Senatorial seats for Aboriginal representatives and more orthodox representation.

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