## ABORIGINAL SOVEREIGN POSITION AND LEGAL ENTITLEMENT FOR NEGOTIATING A TREATY UNDER

## THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF TREATIES

WITH THE AUSTRALIAN 'GOUERNMENT' IN ORDER TO

ENSHRINE Aboriginal Souereign Rights

> AND CREATE THE FOUNDATIONS FOR BLACK/WHITE RELATIONS IN THIS LAND BASED ON

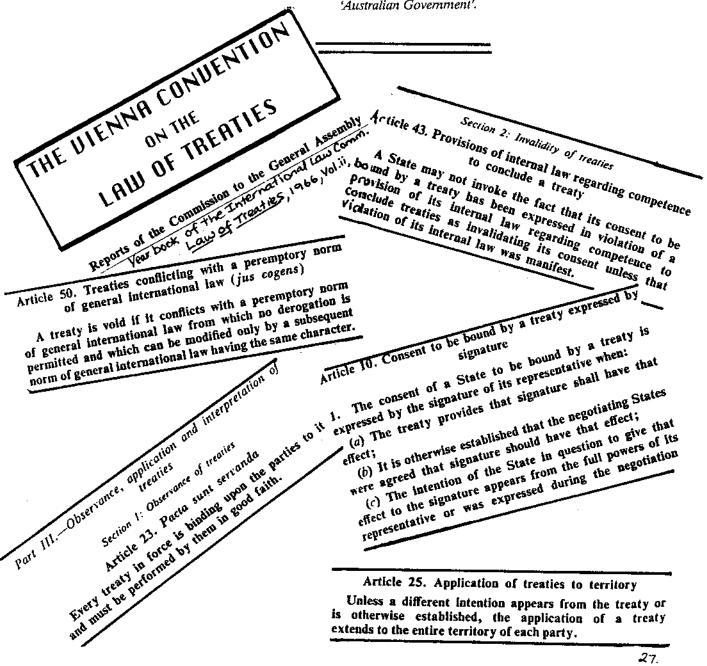
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## SUMMARY

Sovereignty has always inhered in the Aboriginal People of this land now known as 'Australia'. From the Beginning, the practise of customary and traditional ownership and possessory right has been held inviolate with the Aboriginal Nations and from these Sovereign Rights, all legal and social rights flow.

Aboriginal Sovereignty still inheres in the Aboriginal People of this land: it has never been extinguished by cession, by treaty, nor by formal purchase, nor by conquest; neither was it acquired by the invaders, the by peaceful settlement of an British/Australians, uninhabited land. Our land has been inhabited since the Beginning and resistance to invasion was so aggressive and protracted that the frontier has been described as a line of blood. This resistance has never ceased nor abated to this present day.

In order to enshrine our Sovereign Rights we pursue a Sovereign Treaty under international law with the 'Australian Government'.



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