

# 1988: MAKE A TREATY THIS TIME...

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IN ABORIGINAL AUSTRALIA 'DEED OF TITLE' IS HANDED ON THROUGH CEREMONY



THE PEOPLE GOVERN THE TRIBE AND THE LAND THROUGH ETERNAL IMMUTABLE LAW.



ABORIGINAL LAND USE MAINTAINS DIVERSITY...



MEANWHILE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE GLOBE CAPTAIN COOK SETS SAIL...



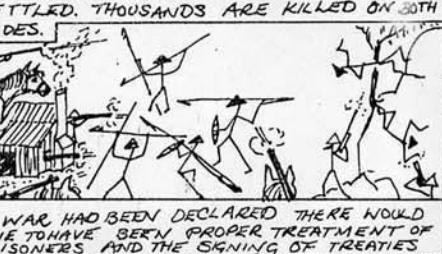
ABORIGINALS DISCOVER CAPTAIN COOK AT KIOLA, NSW, IN 1770



CAPTAIN COOK LANDS AT BOTANY BAY AND TAKES POSSESSION OF THE WHOLE EASTERN COAST, DECLARING THE LEGAL LIE...



BY DENYING ABORIGINAL HUMANITY, TREATIES ARE AVOIDED AND HISTORIANS BEGIN THE FICTION THAT AUSTRALIA WAS PEACEFULLY SETTLED. THOUSANDS ARE KILLED ON BOTH SIDES.



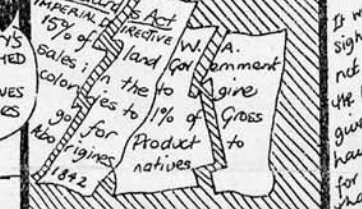
MOORANGANNA AND MONGARANATTA HUNG FOR MARIA KILLINGS OF 1840, AFTER GOVERNOR DECIDED TO TREAT AN OPENLY HOSTILE TRIBE AS A "FOREIGN ENEMY". SEVERELY REPRIMANDED BY HIS SUPERIOR GOVERNOR GAWLER HAS TO DECLARE...



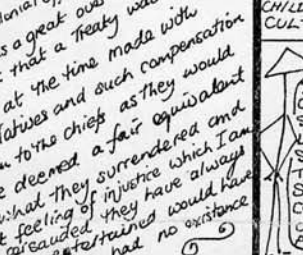
WHILE ABORIGINALS ARE MASSACRED WITH GUNS AND POISON, AND DRIVEN FROM THEIR TRADITIONAL LANDS BATMAN DRAWS UP A TREATY FOR THE SITE OF MELBOURNE.



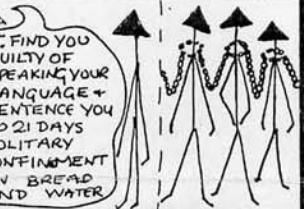
COMPENSATION, IN RECOGNITION OF PRIOR POSSESSION OR LEGISLATED FOR, BUT STATES CONTEMPTUOUSLY IGNORE IT.



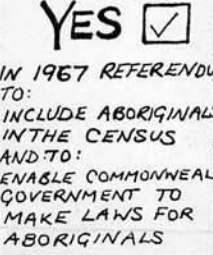
GOVERNOR ARTHUR REFUSED THE NECESSITY OF A TREATY.



REMAINING LAND OWNERS CAPTURED AND IMPRISONED IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS CALLED "ABORIGINAL RESERVES". CHILDREN REMOVED FROM FAMILIES IF CULTURAL GENOCIDE ATTEMPTED.



OVER 90% OF AUSTRALIANS VOTE



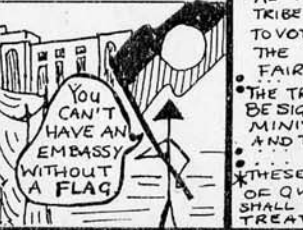
IN MILIRRUPM COURT CASE AGAINST NABALCO MINING ON COVE PENINSULA JUSTICE BLACKBURN GAVE JUDGMENT ON 25 APRIL '71



PRIME MINISTER BILLY MCMAHON MAKES A CRUCIAL MISTAKE ON AUSTRALIA DAY 1972 (26TH JANUARY)...



THE ABORIGINAL TENT EMBASSY IS ERECTED ON LAUNDS OF PARLIAMENT HOUSE, CANBERRA. INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS IS SUCCESSFULLY FOCUSED. ENTER HAROLD THOMAS



FIRST DEMANDS FOR A TREATY FROM LARRAKIA TRIBE, N.T. MARCH 1972



IN 1975 INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE GIVES ADVISORY OPINION ON WESTERN SAHARA



CATCH-22 IN HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA: THE THIEF IS THE JUDGE. IN COE V. COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA AND ANOTHER...



ON CAPITAL HILL, SITE OF NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE ABORIGINALS ASSERT SOVEREIGNTY AND CALL FOR A TREATY



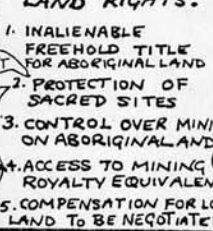
BUT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL ONLY CONSIDER A MAKARRATA, A DOMESTIC AGREEMENT THAT CAN BE AMENDED OR REPEALED LATER. KEVIN GILBERT SOUNDS THE WARNING.



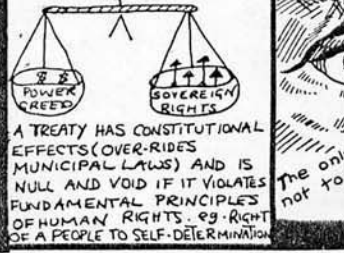
MAY 1985 SEES LARGEST MEETING OF ABORIGINALS, MANY SPEAKING IN THE LINGO ON THE STEPS OF PARLIAMENT HOUSE



GOVERNMENT DECEIVES UNITED NATIONS IN 1984 BY REPORTING IT IS OBSERVING THE 5 PRINCIPLES OF LAND RIGHTS:



A TREATY IS SOUGHT UNDER VIENNA CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF TREATIES



THE 1988 BICENTENNIAL APPROACHES AND WHITE AUSTRALIA PREPARES TO CELEBRATE 200 YEARS OF INVASION.



A FEATHERLESS HAWK FEETS...

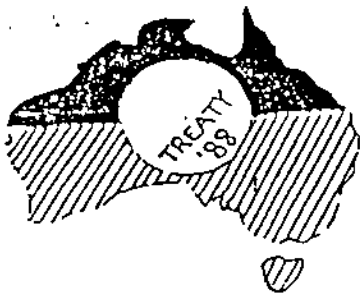


THE "LUCKY COUNTRY" BREATHES A SIGH OF RELIEF.



CEREMONIES SPREAD ACROSS THE LAND





# DECLARATION OF TREATY '88 CAMPAIGN

In 1788 the British Crown assumed sovereignty over this land on the basis of it being empty, i.e. wasteland and unoccupied. This was a lie. The Aboriginal People of this land occupied it, owned it, used it and held Sovereign Domain over these lands. Two hundred years later this sovereignty has never been relinquished, yet has never been recognised.

It is time for a Sovereign Treaty to be entered into in order to dispel the lie and enable justice to be done. Let 1988 mark this achievement. We cannot celebrate the invasion and theft of this land. Let us achieve the cementing of the new foundation of this country by recognising Aboriginal Sovereignty and encompassing the right of prior ownership and possession in a Sovereign Treaty.

We ask individuals and groups to affiliate with and support our Treaty '88 Campaign. Treaty '88 is already supported by; N.A.I.L.S.S. (National Aboriginal & Islander Legal Services Secretariat)

*National Federation of Aboriginal Land Councils called for "Aboriginal rights to be recognised in a national Treaty or included in the Constitution." 8/3/87*

- Land Rights Now , 2XX
- Bicentennial Protest Committee
- Women Against Racism , Green Alliance
- Kooniba Council , Medea Collective
- Koori Kollig ,
- Wayee Radio & Cultural Aboriginal Corp., Tas.
- ACT International Year of Peace Conference
- "Do Something for Peace"
- Trade Union Committee for Aboriginal Rights
- General Synod of Anglican Church

I/We wish to affiliate with Treaty '88 Campaign

Name: .....

Address: .....

Phone number: .....

**JOIN NOW**

DONATIONS made payable to; TREATY '88 CAMPAIGN, GPO Box 1101, CANBERRA, 2601, AUSTRALIA.

MEMBERSHIP: Organisations: \$100 , Individuals: \$10 , Concessional: \$5

# ABORIGINAL SOVEREIGNTY - NEVER CEDED

We, the Aboriginal People, restate that we are the Sovereign Owners of Australia. There have been no Treaties with us and we have never ceded our Sovereignty.

Our land has been invaded by a foreign power that broke International Law and its own Imperial Directive: "You are with the consent of the natives to take possession ..." i.e., a Treaty. Instead, in 1770, Captain Cook declared the legal lie that our land was terra nullius, a wasteland and unoccupied. Our humanity was denied and the historical fiction that Australia was peacefully settled had been perpetrated. The truth is that physical and cultural genocide was attempted against us and our land was made vacant by imprisoning the owners in small concentration camps called Aboriginal Reserves. The oppression and injustice continues to this day. The Federal Government refuses to use its powers granted by over 90% of white Australians in the 1967 'YES' referendum, which enables it to make special laws for Aboriginals. In the courts the judges conclude that Sovereignty cannot be challenged within the Australian legal system. All legal and political channels have been exhausted within Australia.

Our path to justice now lies in the international arena. In 1975 the International Court of Justice found that when the Spanish colonised the Western Sahara in 1844, it was inhabited by people organised in tribes and as a consequence the Western Sahara was not terra nullius. In a separate ruling it was stated that the concept of terra nullius stands condemned.

In 1979 our call for a Treaty was diluted by the Federal Government which would only consider a Makarrata, a compact, a domestic agreement and would not recognise us as Sovereign Equals. The Makarrata would have been a deal between white Government and people with no status. It could have been amended and repealed by future legislators.

We pursue a Sovereign Treaty, under the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, that has constitutional effect and is void if it violates fundamental principles of Human Rights, e.g. the right of a people to self-determination.

There must be a proper foundation for Black/white relations in this land, a Treaty, that will lay the cornerstone for a new Australia based on Justice, Peace and Human Rights for all.



KEVIN GILBERT

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## TREATY 88 CAMPAIGN : AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

At time of colonisation Australia was declared "Wasteland and unoccupied". Aboriginal resistance to invasion of our lands was quelled by methods of extermination - which were historically referred to as "dispersal of the natives" and "punitive party expeditions".

We have been denied the rights and protection generally afforded to an invaded people and their land. This principle was recognised under British as well as International Law. We have not only been denied such rights, but still suffer the denial of those rights to this day.

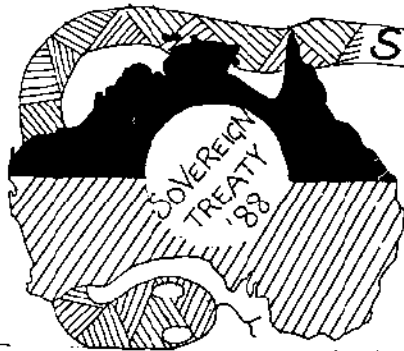
We are still prosecuting the processes within white Australia to force a recognition of our full inherent entitlements and to obtain justice.

We shall end injustice that, while continuing today, results in the denial of our human rights, causing death and oppression.

We pursue a Treaty as the instrument to delineate our entitlement, protect that entitlement and our human rights, and enshrine our inherent rights in the Constitution and International Covenants.

## OBJECTIVES

1. Effect a Treaty between Aboriginals and the Australian Government.
2. Ensure inalienable freehold title over Aboriginal lands.
3. Protection of Sacred Sites.
4. Control over mining on Aboriginal lands.
5. Compensation for loss of lands to be negotiated.
6. International recognition of Aboriginals as a people.
7. Self-determination.
8. Treaty to encompass proper management and safeguarding of heritage, land and environment.
9. Establish continuous management practices for the total environment.
10. Effectively safeguard this land as a nuclear free and peaceful country.
11. Regulate the processes of law to ensure equality, freedom, human rights and achieve those aspirations long recognised as the prerequisites for human development and peace throughout this land.
12. To meet all those objectives for human development as spelt out in the International Covenants of Human Rights.



SOVEREIGN TREATY '88 CAMPAIGN

# VOLUNTEER RESOURCE NETWORK

## TIME / SKILLS

- \* 00  PREPARING MAIL-OUTS, folding etc.
- 01  MAKING BADGES: hours/week?
  - access to S.A.M. machine?
- 02  SCREEN PRINTING
- 03  SEWING:
  - small flags on sticks
  - medium flags
  - large flags
  - banners
  - flag bags/armbands
  - flag dresses, etc
- 04  THREADING BEADS
- 05  KNITTING SQUARES 10x10cm(4"x4")
  - red, yellow, black
- 06  PASTING UP STREET POSTERS: how many?
- 07  DELIVERY DOOR TO DOOR: how many?
- 08  TRANSPORT: number of seats?
  - radius of travel
- 09  OTHER: P.T.O, give details

## MAIL-OUTS

- 10  PHOTOCOPYING: how many /week?
- 11  TYPING: hours/week?
- 12  BULK MAIL: how many/week?
- 13  POSTAGE: how many/week?
- 14  THROUGH YOUR ORGANISATION:
  - name of org;
  - how often
  - number of
  - number of members
- 15  PART WORK/ON-DUTY
- 16  CARTOONIST
- 17  OFFICE SPACE: phone no:
  - where:
- 18  MAILING LIST: please enclose
- 19  OTHER: P.T.O, give details

## RESEARCH - FOR THE PROOF SETTLEMENT OF AUSTRALIA WAS NOT

- 20  LOCAL NEWSPAPER ARCHIVES:
  - name paper:
- 21  LIBRARY: name:
- 22  STATE ARCHIVES: name:
- 23  MUSEUM ARCHIVES:
  - name:
- 24  FILM & SOUND ARCHIVES:
- 25  OVERSEAS RECORDS: where:
- 26  LEGAL DOCUMENTS + LAND REVOCATIONS (maps)
- 27  PRESS CUTTING COLLECTION:
  - name paper:
  - days:  MON  TUE  WED  THU  FRI  SAT  SUN
- 28  CATALOGUE INCLUDING RESEARCH
- 29  OTHER: P.T.O, give details.

## DONATIONS: SEND NOW

- 91  IN KIND:  STAMPS  BATTERIES  BLANKETS  FLUID  PAPER  PHOTOCOPY PAPER
- 92  I WILL PLEDGE THE AMOUNT OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_ PER MONTH. I HAVE LODGED BANK TRANSFER WITH MY BANK. DATE OF FIRST TRANSFER IS: \_\_\_\_\_
- 93  I ENCLOSE \$ \_\_\_\_\_ AS MY FIRST MONTH'S PLEDGE. PLEDGE SEND REMINDER WHEN NEXT PAYMENT IS DUE.
- 94  I CANNOT COMMIT MYSELF TO A MONTHLY PLEDGE, BUT AM ENCLUSING \$ \_\_\_\_\_  cheque  money order.

## COMMUNICATING

- 30  LETTER WRITING:
  - politicians
  - newspapers
  - United Nations
  - for support
- 31  P. FILIUS: collect signatures
- 32  PUBLISH ARTICLES IN PUBLICATIONS:
  - name publ: \_\_\_\_\_
  - how often: \_\_\_\_\_ size: \_\_\_\_\_
  - tertiary ed.  door to door
- 33  TALKS TO:
  - local group  radio
  - schools  TV
  - tertiary ed.  door to door
- 34  ADVERTISING SPACE: where \_\_\_\_\_ size \_\_\_\_\_
- 35  MOBILE INFORMATION CENTRE/BOOKSHOP
- 36  TELEPHONE: how many calls /week?
- 37  TELEX NUMBER:
- 38  VIDEO/TEX NO: \_\_\_\_\_ TYPE: \_\_\_\_\_
- 39  OTHER: P.T.O, give details.

## SOUND

- 40  TAPE RECORDER:
  - broadcast quality
  - other
- 41  TAPE COPIER
- 42  TAPES: how many \_\_\_\_\_ 60 \_\_\_\_\_ 90 \_\_\_\_\_ 120
- 43  RADIO PROGRAMME: day: \_\_\_\_\_ time: \_\_\_\_\_
- 44  PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM
- 45  MUSICIAN: instrument: \_\_\_\_\_
- 46  SINGER  POETRY
- 47  DANCER
- 48  STREET THEATRE
- 49  OTHER: P.T.O, give details.

## ENTERTAINMENT

## ORGANISING

- 50  WILLING TO HELP WITH MAJOR MEETINGS
- 51  WILLING TO ORGANISE LOCAL GROUPS
- 52  PLACE FOR MEETINGS:
  - inside
  - outside
  - send map
- 53  CATERING
- 54  MECHANICAL SKILLS
- 55  LEND: how many?
  - \_\_\_\_\_ blankets
  - \_\_\_\_\_ tents
  - \_\_\_\_\_ utensils
- 56  ACCOMMODATION: how many?
- 57  CHILD CARE
- 58  MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR MAJOR MEETING
- 59  OTHER: P.T.O, give details.

## FUND RAISING

- 60  RAFFLES:
  - sell tickets
  - donate prize
- 61  STALLS
- 62  SELL ITEMS: (eg from 01-04)
- 63  FILM NIGHTS
- 64  DANCES
- 65  SPONSORSHIP ACTIVITIES
- 66  PRINTING:
  - stickers
  - door stickers
  - posters
  - booklets
- 67  ARTIFACTS/SOUVENIRS
- 68  SAMPLE SALE
- 69  OTHER: P.T.O, give details

## COMPUTER ACCESS

- 70  HARDWARE: type \_\_\_\_\_
- 71  SOFTWARE: type \_\_\_\_\_
- 72  PRINTER: type \_\_\_\_\_
- 73  MODEM
- 74  DATA ENTRY: hours/week \_\_\_\_\_
- 75  ELECTRONIC EXPENSIVE
- 76  ELECTRONIC MAILING
- 77  THE AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING BOARD
- 78  SATELLITE NETWORK ACCESS
- 79  OTHER: P.T.O, give details

## PHOTOGRAPHY

- 80  VIDEO PLAYER  3/4"  VHS  BETA
- 81  VIDEO RECORDER  3/4"  VHS  BETA
- 82  VIDEO EDITOR  3/4"  VHS  BETA
- 83  VIDEO COPIER  3/4"  VHS  BETA
- 84  MOVIE CAMERA
  - 16mm  8mm
- 85  MOVIE PROJECTOR
  - 16mm  8mm
- 86  STILL CAMERA
  - 35mm  2 1/2"  other
  - Darkroom  35mm  2 1/2"  other
- 87  FILM: VIDEO  3/4"  VHS  BETA
  - MOVIE  16mm  8mm
  - STILL: b/w  35mm  2 1/2"  colour  35mm  2 1/2"
- 88  RESEARCH PHOTOGRAPHIC HISTORIC RECORD OF ABORIGINAL PAST
- 89  ANY OTHER IDEAS/RESOURCES P.T.O.

- 90  CLOTH:  red  yellow  black
- WOOL:  red  yellow  black
- BEADS:  red  yellow  black
- PAINT:  red  yellow  black

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

97  NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

98  ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

99  PHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

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