

PRESS RELEASE ..... 27/9/82

Blacks and supporters will stage a rally and peaceful march on Wednesday, 29/9/82. An Aboriginal protest meeting was held last night in Brisbane and discussed additional protest activities around land rights and self-determination coinciding with the Commonwealth Games. The meeting, attended by Aboriginal protestors from all over Australia, decided to stage a rally and peaceful protest at 11.30 a.m. Wednesday, 29/9/82 in Roma Street forum and then march to Musgrave Park, the headquarters of the Aboriginal protest action where the activities would end with a cultural festival.

Aboriginal people have been given an undertaking from African countries that they will withdraw immediately from the Games if police use violence to disrupt Aboriginal protest. The march in Brisbane will be held in solidarity with a protest march across the NSW border into Queensland on Wednesday.

The protestors said they would not be seeking confrontation with police and emphasised that the march will be peaceful.

All supporters, both local and international, are urged to march in solidarity with Aborigines on Wednesday, 29/9/82.

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