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WARNING on International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples

Ghillar, Michael Anderson, Convener of the Sovereign Union, last surviving member of the founding four of the Aboriginal Embassy and Head of State of the Euahlayi Nation, said from Sydney today:

I am extremely concerned that the enthusiasm to quickly negotiate so-called Treaty/Treaties with the illegal occupying colonial States under the Federation of the Commonwealth of Australia will lead to First Nations unwittingly ceding their inherent sovereignty.

I must ring alarm bells nationwide, while the Australian Government and its colonial States are sitting back in their warm and comfortable offices slowly applauding the stupidity of our 'childlike race'.

I was always warned by my Elders that our people are so easy to influence, because they just simply want to be seen to be pleasing their masters, who hold two things at their heads: One, the gun called superiority, while the pacifiers wave a dollar or two bob in front of them. I guess they would say: He's a good Blackfellas that one, let's make him or her chairperson, because he don't think for himself.

I am reminded of one of my Murri colleagues, who was a fighter, but now fights for self-aggrandisement and not the people, his mob. He said to me: 'Ghillar, I thought you were a brainy Blackfella.' When I asked why he was questioning my intellect, he said: 'Well, mate, you put women on your Committee.' (!!!) When I asked what was wrong with this, he said: 'They are only trouble and ask too many questions. You only put women on a committee, if they don't think and just nod their heads.' I am seeing this approach all over this Country.

The Governments have been very clever in the last thirty years to use the disunity within our communities to withdraw funding and shut down burgeoning successful community organisations. The Governments achieved the total destruction of these organizations by the First Nations lackeys, of whom there are plenty, to shut down our hard fought for successes and now these communities have nothing.

The regurgitated Constitutional Inclusion/Recognition and the Yulara Statement have been rejected by the grassroots across Australia. It's only the half-educated half-baked Blacks, living off the blood money being paid by Governments, who are still pushing this barrow.

One of the driving forces behind the assimilation scene is Patrick Dodson and his cronies. I think people need to take a closer look at this fellow and they can start with the de-robing of him by the Catholic church, where he was a priest and his last station was in Alice Springs.

Brothers and Sisters, the real ones, I ask: Slow down and think about what is going on. Native Title and the associated ILUAs have been cleverly designed for our people to legitimize the British occupation of our lands and waters. The signing of the ILUAs that have sub-headings: Surrender Future Claims over land and Authorising of Past Acts are designed to validate the illegal colonial land tenure that they say extinguished your Native Title. If the colonizer had legitimate power and authority in the first place, they would not be requiring you to surrender anything!

I just simply ask people to STOP AND THINK!

We need to make it very clear that there is no single body in this country that can speak for the many Nations. I was reminded by the Yorta Yorta stalwart today that the NSW Aboriginal Land Council is an instrument of the Crown, where the Minister, with a stroke of a pen, can shut it down and take back *everything* it has acquired, in the name of the Crown. Monica Morgan of the Yorta Yorta also made the point that there is in excess of 280 000 Aboriginal people in New South Wales alone and only 10% are members of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council.

On the other hand, the engineer of the Land Rights system in New South Wales was a Labor stalwart, Frank Walker, a university student who travelled on the Freedom Ride buses in 1965. Having come into office in the New South Wales Parliament, he was well intentioned and he wanted to put Land Rights into the law in New South Wales, through the *New South Wales Land Rights Act 1983*. He knew that there was a way forward, if used properly, but we have been let down terribly by the Land Councils organisations, because they fear the wrath of the wand of the Crown Minister responsible. In other words, they fear any thought of establishing aggressive leadership. They have to be satisfied collecting rent for dilapidated and unmaintained houses on Land Council lands. The primary concern is too many non-Traditional Owners have control of Land Councils, where the borders crisscross Nations. It is time for the Land Councils to recommend an alteration to their boundaries given recent Native Title determinations.

It is also time for the NSW State Land Council to make a strong stand and demand the long-standing land claims, numbering many thousands, are immediately processed, finalised and the lands returned to First Nations.

Like the colonialists, who argue against our Sovereignty Movement by saying that we cannot have two Law-making bodies on the one land, so it is with Land Councils and the prescribed Body corporates (PBC), which both now have certain responsibilities under colonial law to govern and decide what goes on on claimed Country, limited as it is. Land Councils operate under the NSW State legislation and Prescribed Body Corporates operate under the Commonwealth Native Title legislation.

The liberal conservative elements within the First Nations' population want to appease our colonial occupiers, when they don't have the capacity to sort their own mess out in their own backyards. Truth be known, these liberal conservative Blacks continue to pay exorbitant amounts of money to white consultants, lawyers and administrators to advise them and guide them on how to assimilate all their doings into the British occupying State's regimes, not to mention, complying with their rules that are so oppressive that they need a receipt to stretch themselves, so their movements can be audited!

If the neo-liberal conservative Blacks want to assimilate into white society, then get off our dusty corrugated roads and stick to the sealed roads. Don't pretend that the sealed road is not bumpy, because you'll find road blocks as soon as they know who you are.

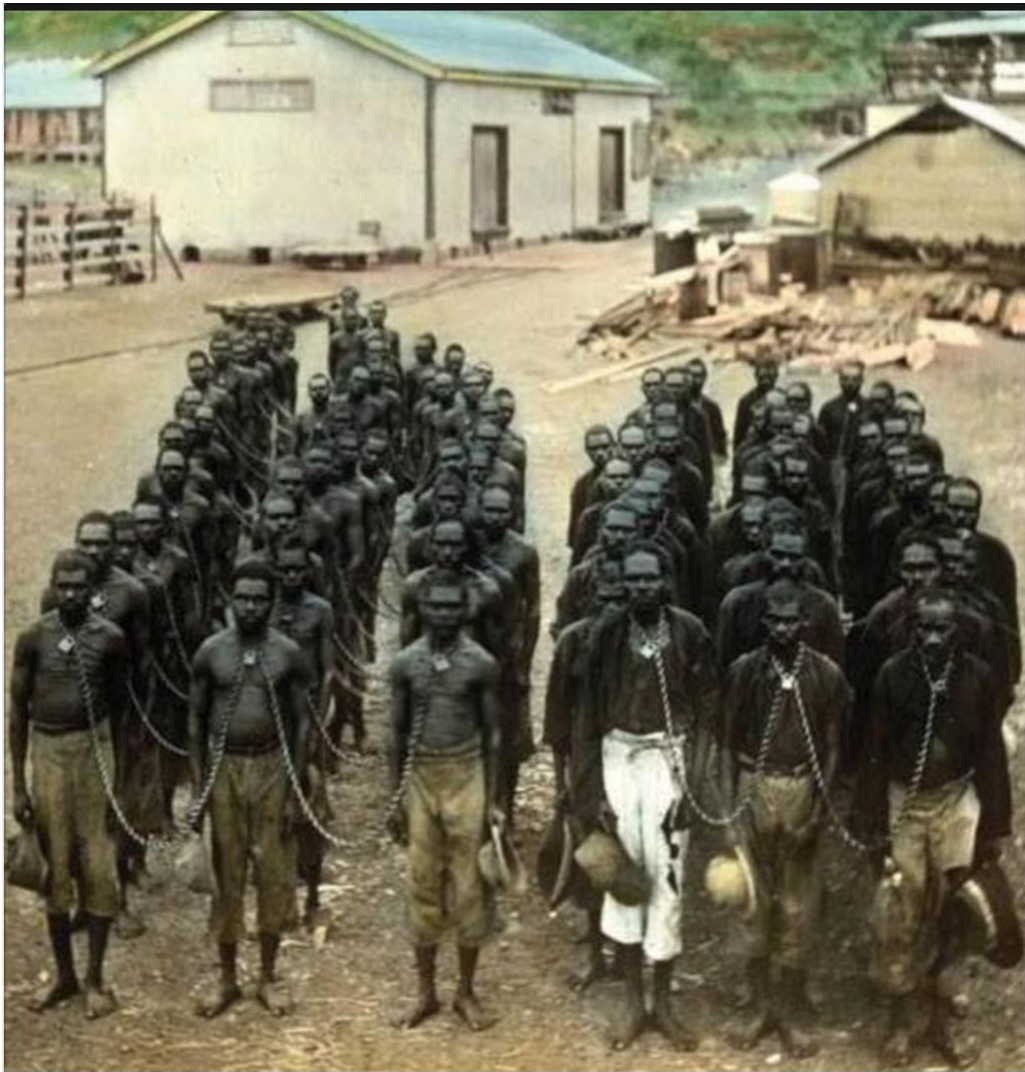
Unity is more than a word. It takes more to be united, than it does to say 'yes' to the coloniser.

How can any one of you neo-liberal Blacks and the Two-Bob Mob want to negotiate with our foreigner occupiers when their oppression meets *all* the definitions of the law against genocide, the 1948 *Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide*:

- (a) Killing members of the group;
- (b) Causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group;
- (c) Deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part;
- (d) Imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group;
- (e) Forcibly transferring children of the group to another group.



Scene from *Rabbit Proof Fence*



Wyndham, East Kimberley, 1926

<http://nationalunitygovernment.org/content/prisoners-frontier-wars-blackbirding-chain-gangs>

How can the Two-Bob Mob and the neo-liberal Blacks forget the memories of the Old Ones, who threw spears and boomerangs against men with rifles and conducted guerrilla warfare. Please stop insulting them when you acknowledge our Elders past and present, because you do not have that right to say that, if you bow and courtesy to the occupying power, which is '... a tightly controlled military entity with all military instructions flowing down from Britain.'

There are no roses to be smelt. There is only the smell of decay and death. I do not say this lightly, but it is the bl... reality. In the 1970s we used to sing a song in the demonstrations and marches that was influenced by the African-American protests: *We shall overcome*. We overcame, and built up self-determining organisations and were accumulating assets for community development, but our traitors gave it away. They gave it away, because they had a different way of doing things, and so they supported wiping the slate clean, which meant taking away all that we achieved through our own efforts. We confronted them on the streets where the positive outcomes were a result of militant action.

The truth is you will never own anything that is given to you for nothing. All that happens is that you end up with a debt. Is it a debt that you want to leave behind as a legacy? I question that.

Take pride in standing and fighting the hard fight. It may take longer, but if you only want short term solutions, then do them for yourself and get out of the way. For us, who are prepared to fight the hard fight, don't need the conservative neo-liberal Blacks to be the bump in the road that we have to clear out. The military occupiers pay you well to be the bump in the road as agents of the coloniser. At least have the self-pride and dignity to excuse yourself from the fight and admit that you are prepared to be the doormat for the colonial occupiers to wipe their feet on.

I ask: How many Blackfellas would Welcome people to Country, if it wasn't worth \$300 to \$500 and at times \$5000? Would you welcome someone who is already here holding a gun to your head? Such is the power of money and the politics of poverty.

People pray to a man called Jesus Christ. He's not here, but the devil works amongst us and both these two work to suppress and rape our spiritual beings and work to rape and pillage Mother Earth.

Finally, the National Aboriginal Conference in 1984 voted to return to the word Treaty and thereby dispense with the word Makaratta. This was done because the community of Santa Theresa in Northern Territory, said they knew what the true meaning of this word was under Law and custom and they were aware that many other Aboriginal communities in the Top End had the same understanding of its true meaning. So then, if we live to the true meaning of this word, who do you think the Queen would put up to be the sacrificial lamb for the people to kill under our Law and culture to settle the conflict? Because under Aboriginal Law this is the kind of settlement that is required if we are to have Makaratta. Do not fall for the corrupted interpretation of the word Makaratta.

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