

BE A VOICE FOR GENERATIONS

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Join us with other Australians to fight for meaningful change

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True beauty, so every child in Australia has equal opportunities

The background is an abstract composition of layered, textured shapes. A large, diagonal band of orange with concentric white circles runs from the top left towards the bottom right. Overlapping this are various grey and blue shapes, some with wavy white lines and others with solid colors. The overall effect is a complex, layered pattern.

What can you do?

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- **Listen**
- Support **First Nations truth-telling**
- Support **self-determination** and **equity**
- Support **reform** and **representation**
- Commit to a **Reconciliation Action Plan**
- Be **culturally responsive**

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We, gathered at the 2017 National Constitutional Convention, coming from all points of the southern sky, make this statement from the heart:

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tribes were the first sovereign Nations of the Australian continent and its adjacent islands, and possessed it under our own laws and customs. This our ancestors did, according to the reckoning of our culture, from the Creation, according to the common law from 'time immemorial', and according to science more than 60,000 years ago.

This sovereignty is a spiritual notion: the ancestral tie between the land, or 'mother nature', and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who were born therefrom, remain attached thereto, and must one day return thither to be united with our ancestors. This link is the basis of the ownership of the soil, or better, of sovereignty. It has never been ceded or extinguished, and co-exists with the sovereignty of the Crown.

How could it be otherwise? That peoples possessed a land for sixty millennia and this sacred link disappears from world history in merely the last two hundred years?

Proportionally, we are the most incarcerated people on the planet. We are not an innately criminal people. Our children are alienated from their families at unprecedented rates. This

cannot be because we have no love for them. And our youth languish in detention in obscene numbers. They should be our hope for the future.

These dimensions of our crisis tell plainly the structural nature of our problem. This is the torment of our powerlessness.

We seek constitutional reforms to empower our people and take a rightful place in our own country. When we have power

We call for the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution.

Makarrata is the culmination of our agenda: the coming together after a struggle. It captures our aspirations for a fair and truthful relationship with the people of Australia and a better future for our children based on justice and self-determination.

We seek a Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of agreement-making between governments and First Nations and truth-telling about our history.

In 1967 we were counted, in 2017 we seek to be heard. We leave base camp and start our trek across this vast country. We invite you to walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future.

Mangan Mangungu Low Young
attendant: Gail Beck

MacKenzie Morrison
 T31 - Luthardt

ALAN
ALMA CURRIE
BUTCHER
RICHARD SIMPSON
ALAN CURRIE

Barbara R Shaw
6560 - m Nancy Camp.
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A S... V... N...
W ... M... CLARKE
M ... N...

SAV KICKEFF
Shawn Brown
Patricia Laurie

Yagil Bundjalung
Nation Northern NSW
Christy Cain
MARTIN BOND

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SING TODAY FOR A **RECONCILED** TOMORROW





Narragunnawali
Reconciliation in Education

**NAKRA
GUNNA
WALI**



TUMUT COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

THE IMPACT OF RAPS

3,743,939



people worked or studied
in an organisation with a RAP

11,636



contracts entered into between
RAP organisations and Aboriginal
and/or Torres Strait Islander
organisations

73,565



Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait
Islander people were **employed**
by an organisation with a RAP



\$3,112,203,909

worth of goods and services
procured by RAP organisations
from Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander-owned businesses

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FOR ACTION**

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FOR UNITY**

**BE A VOICE
FOR HISTORY**

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FOR TRUTH-TELLING**

**BE A VOICE
FOR LISTENING**

**BE A VOICE
FOR LEARNING**



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