



# SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS

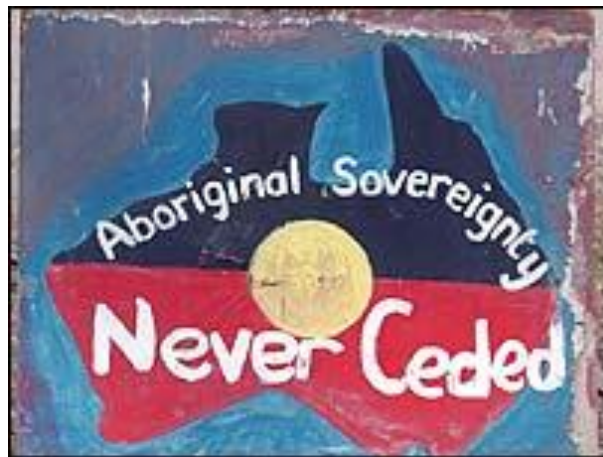


## Protest against the Australian Government's new policy of 'intervention' in Indigenous Australian communities in the Northern Territory.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of August 2007 the Howard government successfully passed through the upper house new legislation giving them sweeping new powers.

### LAND RIGHTS

- The permit system, which allowed Indigenous communities to control **access to their land**, will be removed for a large number of communities.
- 73 Indigenous communities will have their **land compulsorily leased by the federal government** for the next 5 years.
- In the Tiwi Islands the Mantiyupwi community has taken a \$5million payment in return for giving the government a **99-year lease** over the land, amidst accusations of bribery and bullying.



### HUMAN RIGHTS

- All adults on welfare in the targeted communities will have 50% of their payments replaced by **ration cards** that can only be used at Woolworths supermarkets and certain outback stores and only to purchase certain goods.
- Howard has **banned the sale of alcohol** in the communities. In fact many communities already had alcohol bans, but these were voluntary and enforced by community Elders.
- The **Australian Army and Federal Police** have been sent in to take control of the communities in order to enforce the new legislation.

# Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> of September

## Australian Consulate

## 21-23 Hill st, Edinburgh

## 10am – 1pm