



RESOLUTION

FEDERAL FUNDING CUTS TO INDIGENOUS PROGRAMS AND THE FORCED CLOSURE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES

The Trade Union movement has a proud history of standing shoulder to shoulder with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities in the struggle for civil and industrial rights and we remain committed to the values of self-determination, equality and fairness for all Australians.

Australian Unions will defend the right of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to live on traditional lands and continue their cultural connection which is an invaluable part of Australia's identity as a nation.

ACTU Congress is appalled by Tony Abbott's insensitive and uneducated comments regarding Australia's inability to fund the "lifestyle" choices of Aboriginal peoples living on their remote homelands. Tony Abbott again demonstrates his disconnection from the Aboriginal communities that he portrays to represent as the self-appointed Prime Minister for Indigenous Affairs.

Furthermore ACTU Congress condemns the over half a billion dollars in cuts to Indigenous programs and services which will impact on the rights and the quality of life for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

ACTU Congress calls on the Abbott Federal Government to restore all funding to Indigenous programs and services.

ACTU Congress endorses continuing support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations being attacked by funding cuts from the Federal, State and Territory governments.

ACTU Congress endorses continued participation in the campaign to stop the forced closure of Aboriginal communities in Western Australia.

ACTU Congress endorses participation in community campaigns which defend against future attempts to close any Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islanders communities in all States & Territories.

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