



# RESOLUTION

## LAND TENURE

Congress condemns the erosion of Native Title rights for Indigenous Australians since the High Court ruled in the Mabo case that the application of Terra Nullius by Captain James Cooke in Australia was false.

Congress notes the Indigenous Leaders Round Table Meeting on Property Rights convened by the Australian Human Rights Commissioner in Broome on Tuesday, 19 May and Wednesday, 20 May 2015 and supports the recommendation made to Government by those Indigenous Leaders for regional conferences to be held across Australia to maximise the input from Indigenous Australians.

The ACTU Congress resolves to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, of which thousands are trade union members, against the further erosion of Native Title and urges that Land Tenure discussions have an oversight by the U.N. Special Rapporteur on Indigenous Peoples that ensures any proposal from the Australian Government meets international standards developed on Human Rights processes in the United Nations.

The ACTU Congress encourages the above towards a National Social Compact that brings into focus the developments in the area of Human Rights, the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the I.L.O. Convention 169 and a host of other Human Rights instruments in any further amendments to Land Tenure legislation.

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