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Indigenous Peoples

are free and equal to all other peoples and have the right to be free from any kind of discrimination

UN Declaration on the rights of Indigenous Peoples

SELF-DETERMINATION

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a national representative body

Australia should assist First Nations to **reinstate the *National Congress of Australia's First Peoples***, and increase the capacity of *Congress* to participate in cooperation with the government in the **development of a national action plan** to achieve the ends of the *Declaration on the rights of Indigenous Peoples*.

EQUAL PROTECTION

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legislative reforms

Australia should implement a national Human Rights Act as proposed by the

- *Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights*
&
- *Joint Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs.*

IMPROVING HUMAN RIGHTS

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solutions for HR problems

Australia should also proceed to **implement legislation and other constructive arrangements, as recommended** by the Parliamentary Committees, which will advance the human rights of Indigenous Peoples in domestic law.

COMMITMENT

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concluding observations

Australia should cooperate with Indigenous Peoples to **consider all observations** received from international human rights authorities regarding human rights of Indigenous Peoples.

TRANSPARENCY

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engaging civil society and Indigenous
Peoples

Australia should refer international **human rights reports** to the *Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights* to undertake **public inquiries** utilising **submissions** and **public hearings** before reporting to **parliament on actions** to be taken.

ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT

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strengthen human rights
infrastructure

Australia should **increase the resources and capacity** of the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner* and *Australian Human Rights Commission* to **recommend improvements to human rights** of the First Peoples.

EMPOWERMENT

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monitoring human rights

Australia should also assist First Peoples' **human rights defenders** to autonomously **monitor and report** on the progress of the human rights of First Peoples.

IP RIGHTS TREATY

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ILO convention no. 169

Australia should **engage with First Peoples** and the *Australian Human Rights Commission* to discuss the **utility of ILO Convention No.169** and conclude whether ratification of the Convention would overall be beneficial for First Peoples and the State.

CONSTITUTION

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a human rights charter

The Australian Parliament should agree on measures to **strengthen the human rights framework** by adopting a **Charter of Human Rights** and increasing the roles and resources of the *Australian Human Rights Commission* and the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner*.

ELIMINATE RACIST LAWS

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stop racist laws by parliaments

Australia should strengthen laws on racial discrimination by **defining ‘special measures’** in accord with **General Comment 32** under the *International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination*, and to **ensure rights to free, prior and informed consent** as set out in the *Declaration on the rights of Indigenous Peoples*.

THANK YOU

for supporting human rights
of the Indigenous Peoples

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