

## Path to Treaty Bill 2023

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Greetings.

My name is George Dickson, I am a First Nation citizen of the Bundjalung Nation.

Today I received correspondence that your group is intending to negotiate a treaty with the First Nations countries that are the recognised land owners of this land. I congratulate your group on this move and encourage your group to go forward with the following issues in mind.

One of the first and most important understandings when making this step towards treaty is that the First Nations peoples did not invade the English Crowns land, they were the victims in this event and have nothing they need to prove or to surrender. The lawful ownership of this land is recognized to be with them and they will always have the final say in what is and is not acceptable on their land. The responsibility to make reparations is upon the invading party and there is no expectation that First Nation parties must accept any portion of any treaty put forward by the Australian Parliament. They are not one body that a single person or group can be wooed by your Parliament into making an agreement on behalf of the wider group, and it is quite reasonable that all or some of the First Nation groups may decline all or some aspects of any treaty that is presented to them, even to the extent that they choose not to accept the proposition at all and hold the expectation that the Australian Parliament withdraw any claim of ownership or rule over the area of land under their ownership.

I encourage the Australian Parliament and its foreign crown to be open and accepting of any material the First Nation owners of this land choose to put forward as conditions in this treaty and remind your Parliament that you are complicit in the occupational genocide of the First Nations, and as such have not just a moral but also a legal requirement to meet any treaty expectations put forward by the First Nation representatives. As criminal invaders of this land the Australian Parliament are not in a position to choose to continue their criminal occupation of this land without treaty, and such refusal of any grounds set forward by the land owners in treaty would be considered further complicity in an ongoing criminal action against their Nation.

In setting out this treaty I encourage your Australian parliament to consider the section of your constitution related to the joining of the separate states and to recognize in that document a clear ability for the groups to be again separated into unaffiliated entities. I encourage your parliament to come to terms with the reality, that it is a simple matter for which your group already has planned and has an established path for you to divide the nation back into any number of sovereign states and return rule of any or all of those states to the rightful landowners and law makers of that area. The process will be as simple as and similar to the joining of the original colonies and can be done with as little effort as to

sign a document written to that end. I remind you that as a “common wealth” nation your Parliament and its foreign crown hold all of these lands and properties in trust and despite public use of the terms “government ownership” or “Crown Land” for some sections of land your group are legally only holding the land as caretakers with no claim to actual ownership of any land on this island, as recognized land owners the First nations peoples have legal right to give or choose not to give any authority to your group or even to demand it be disbanded in its entirety in favor of a rulership of their choosing.

George Dickson Of Bundjalung Nation

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