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NORTHERN TERRITORY COUNCIL FOR ABORIGINAL RIGHTS (INC.)

Program for Improved Living Standards for Northern Territory Aborigines

The following resolution was unanimously adopted at the fourth Annual General Meeting of the N.T. Council for Aboriginal Rights held at Rapid Creek, Darwin, on 24/7/66:—

"The present living standards of the majority of native workers in the Northern Territory is a disgrace to Australia and a clear breach of the Charter of Human Rights. We therefore resolve:

1. That the native workers on pastoral properties and in other employment come within the wage Awards and receive equal pay this year, not in three years as decided by the Court.
2. That the "slow worker" provisions of the recent Court findings be abandoned.
3. That the present bad and illegal arrangement under which some Station Managers, Welfare Settlements and Missions handle Social Service payments cease, and all Maternity Allowances, Child Endowment, Pensions and other Social Service payments be made direct to Aborigines.
4. That housing conditions on pastoral properties, Welfare Settlements and Mission Stations be brought up to the standard as set down in the Social Welfare Ordinance and further improvements be made.
5. That an adequate variety of foods be available on pastoral properties, Welfare Settlements and Missions to ensure a balanced diet for native employees.
6. That adequate educational and medical facilities be provided.
7. That the Aboriginal native race of Australia be protected by Federal Law and native women be given full protection of existing laws.
8. That the use of abusive and offensive terms of racial prejudice such as "nigger" and "boong" be made a criminal offence.
9. That natives have full control and ownership of reserves.
10. That natives be granted full citizenship rights inside as well as outside reserves.
11. That the Northern Territory Council for Aboriginal Rights will work with the trade union movement and other interested organisations to bring this program into effect."

On behalf of the Northern Territory Council for Aboriginal Rights and its members—we ask for your support.

DAVIS DANIELS
SECRETARY.

DEXTER DANIEL
PRESIDENT.