

# **ON NATIONAL ABORIGINES DAY 1972 TRADE UNIONS DECLARE**

**"It is the natural right of the Aboriginal people of Australia to enjoy a social, industrial and legal equality with and as Australian citizens."**

**We believe in the united activity of all people, irrespective of colour, race or creed in support of the legitimate aspirations of the Aborigine people.**

**In particular we direct attention to the following points of trade union policy from the 1971 Australian Council of Trade Unions Congress decision.**

- ★ **Repeal all offensive, discriminatory legislation**
- ★ **Complete removal of all forms of wage discrimination**
- ★ **Provide adequate all round educational facilities**
- ★ **Provide suitable employment opportunities**
- ★ **Properly house the Aborigine people**
- ★ **Restore tribal land rights**
- ★ **Recognise the Aboriginal people as distinct, viable national minorities entitled to special facilities for continued self development.**

## **TO ALL AUSTRALIANS WE SAY:-**

**CAMPAIGN ACTIVELY IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY**

**TO ACHIEVE THESE OBJECTIVES CHANGE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS A POSITIVE STEP**

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