



Submission for WAM Clothing Pty Ltd, Semele Moore and Benjamin Wooster

1. Thank you for the invitation to provide submissions to the Select Committee on the Aboriginal Flag. This submission is made on behalf of WAM Clothing Pty Ltd, Semele Moore and Benjamin Wooster. WAM Clothing Pty Ltd is controlled by directors Semele Moore and Benjamin Wooster.
2. Ms Moore and Mr Wooster are passionate supporters of the Aboriginal Flag and recognise the unique unifying effect of the Flag for all Australians.

Licence

3. WAM Clothing Pty Ltd is the exclusive licensee for a range of clothing and apparel, towels, and digital and physical media products featuring the Aboriginal Flag, pursuant to licence agreements granted by the copyright owner and artist who designed the flag, Mr Harold Thomas, for an agreed period of time.
4. WAM Clothing Pty Ltd paid licence fees and pays ongoing royalties to Mr Harold Thomas in accordance with the terms of our confidential licence agreements.
5. As is intended by Mr Thomas, the Aboriginal Flag may presently be freely flown by all Australians. The copyright issues that are being examined by the Select Committee are in relation to other uses for the Aboriginal Flag.
6. WAM Clothing Pty Ltd regularly provides charitable support to the Aboriginal community.

Discussions with Australian Government

7. WAM Clothing Pty Ltd has entered discussions with the National Indigenous Affairs Agency in relation to the acquisition of the copyright in the Aboriginal Flag. Those discussions are ongoing.
8. Mr Thomas has specifically requested those discussions remain confidential. WAM Clothing Pty Ltd, Ms Moore and Mr Wooster respect Mr Thomas' request.

Respect for Mr Thomas

9. WAM Clothing Pty Ltd, Ms Moore and Mr Wooster acknowledge Mr Thomas' significant and valuable contribution to the advancement of the interests of the Aboriginal people and the unifying effect his design of the Aboriginal Flag has had over the course of nearly 50 years. We acknowledge that the Aboriginal Flag is of significant and unique value to all Australians.

Regards
WAM Clothing

Semele Moore and Benjamin Wooster
