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I would like to point out the obvious for the committee, that is that while international treaties are important your parliament has still not finished negotiating a treaty with the local land owners.

Any international treaty work you engage in is premature if you have not negotiated a right to remain in residence on the island. If the first nation people do not give you permission to retain your parliament as part of your treaty concessions your group may be disbanded and any work you have made towards international treaties be wasted.

In any event, any treaty you engaged in with a foreign party that involved any land within the island of Australia would need to be ratified by the First Nation land owners before it was considered to be in effect.

I encourage you to work towards the eventual treaty you are obliged to make with the First Nation people at as fast a pace as possible, if your parliament can not get permission from the First Nation people to remain a formal group your hard earned international efforts may be wasted effort.

Thank you for your time. George Dickson.