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i am writing my submission in support of the Yindjibarndi people of WA. my name is vivienne ryan. i am an Australian. i am amazed at the treatment of the Yindjibarndi peoples by Andrew Forrest and the mining group he represents. i am disgusted that these so-called negotiations were acceptable to the government of WA and by association the federal government. consequently i support the amendments in the above-mentioned bill.

i know little of legal matters but i thought we as Australians were privileged to expect certain legal rights. "free prior and informed consent of indigenous people on matters affecting them" should be their right. i have watched the video of Twiggy and the pathetic attempt, that amazingly was found in his favour, to browbeat the communities to accept whatever proposals he and his other rich mates wanted. it is quite evident that the govt of WA has only the interests of the rich in its agenda.

yours faithfully
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