

On Wednesday 23 September I appeared before the Senate Select Committee on the Aboriginal Flag. I appeared as a representative of the Aboriginal Peak Organisations NT (APONT). I am employed at the Central Land Council and the CLC is a member of APONT. On Wednesday 23 September, I took a question on notice from Senator Dodson: *Are you aware of any organisations in Central Australia that have been issued with a cease-and-desist notice?*

My answer to the question on notice is that:

APONT is not aware of any cease-and-desist notices sent to organisations in Central Australia. APONT has written to Aboriginal organisations in Central Australia about this matter. We are aware that the Central Australian Aboriginal Congress (CAAC) was sent an email from WAM at the end of 2019 asking them to pay a 20% licensing fee or to stop using the CAAC logo (the CAAC logo contains the Aboriginal flag in it). I am informed by CAAC that this was not a cease-and-desist notice, but notification by email regarding licensing. CAAC has been in correspondence with WAM ever since. If further information is required, the CEO of CAAC, Donna Ah Chee or Dr John Boffa can provide detailed information in relation to this matter.