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I apologise if I have sent this to the wrong committee and trust that you will redirect it if not appropriate.

I lived my early years west of Longreach. I had much to do with aboriginal people and never saw any reason to but to admire their bushcraft and their connection to the land. It was definitely a spiritual thing and sometimes in the bush I can feel it now.

The roots of their Ego lies in their land. Please don't take it away from them. They are our first nation. They are going through the same problems with booze and drugs and sexual difficulties.

I am a PUBLIC Health Physician. A Psychiatrist. and Administrator and was Queensland's inaugural Chief Health/Medical Officer for 9 years. I have seen over and over again that evil will not give way unless the people believe they OWN their land and they OWN these problems. It may be slow but the entire police force and Australian Army will not fix it until they want to fix it.

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