

SELF-DETERMINATION NOT INTERVENTION

**World Human Rights Day Public Forum about
the NT Intervention and the Struggle for
Aboriginal Justice**

**Monday 10th December
6:30pm for a 7pm start**

**Swanston Hall, in Melbourne Town Hall,
cnr Swanston St and Collins St CBD**

Speakers include:

***Barbara Shaw ***

Barbara is a town camp resident from Alice Springs and executive member of the Tangentyere Council.

Robbie Thorpe

Robbie is a Gonnai-Kurnai/Tjap-Wharrung activist committed to fighting for genocide to be stopped, for Sovereignty to be acknowledged and for a Treaty to be made.

Muriel Bamblett

Muriel Bamblett is a Yorta Yorta woman who has been the Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency since 1999 and is active on many boards concerning children, families and the Indigenous community.

John Langmore

John Langmore is a Professor in the Political Science Department at the University of Melbourne. He was Director of the UN Division for Social Policy and Development in New York for five years from 1997.

**Organised by the Alliance for Indigenous Self determination - an open, Melbourne-based alliance of groups and individuals.
Endorsed by ANTaR - Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation.**



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On the 10th of December 1992 Paul Keating made his Redfern Speech. As the Prime Minister of Australia he stated that the first step towards Indigenous Justice is an “act of recognition” by non-Indigenous Australia. “Recognition that it was we who did the dispossessing. We took the traditional lands and smashed the traditional way of life. We brought the disasters. The alcohol. We committed the murders. We took the children from their mothers. We practiced discrimination and exclusion.”

He predicted we would succeed in doing this within the decade.

The 10th of December 2007 marks 15 years on.

Two events of the past few months alone represent how wrong his prediction was.

In September this year Australia became one of the 4 states (out of 147) not to sign on to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples because the Government disagreed with the phrase 'self-determination'.

Right now the Federal Government is implementing an “Emergency Intervention” into Indigenous Communities in the Northern Territory. This Intervention overrides the Racial Discrimination Act; undermines Indigenous self-determination and Land Rights; has not been developed in consultation with Indigenous communities and fails to address the central issues of poverty, lack of health care, basic services and infrastructure that the government has been ignoring for so long.

We are calling on non-Indigenous people to get serious about these major human rights issues. Come along on the 10th of December and learn more about Indigenous struggles for self-determination locally, in the NT and beyond. For Genocide to end, non-Indigenous people must take responsibility for themselves and immediately take action to support Indigenous struggles. The past fifteen years and two centuries prior show that Prime Ministerial speeches and Government policies are not going end it for us.