

Dear Sir

We have received your invitation to contribute to the submissions of evidence to the working group on the repatriation and acknowledgment of the remains of aboriginal people that are currently located in the United Kingdom. We would like to contribute to the process as much as possible as we have come to Europe to establish the protocol that is needed to carry out this delicate and humane act which we believe is essential to the true reconciliation process of Australia.

We have come to Europe to find the whereabouts of a warrior who was beheaded by the British in Sydney in 1802, and his head was sent to Sir Joseph Banks, our warriors name is Pemulwuy, and if anything is known about the whereabouts of his remains, we would like to be informed immediatly.

The Aboriginal Tent Embassy has been established in Canberra Australia for the last 29 years and is the voice of all the Aboriginal Sovereign First Nations of Australia on the issues of land rights and the consequences of the colonisation of Australia by the British, and we have come to Europe to initiate the dialogue between the British government and our people.

We have established a permanent office of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in The Hague in The Netherlands ,and we are going to be in London in the near future to establish another permanent Embassy. We are to be here for an indefeniate period as we bring with us a contentious point of Australian law which states that Aboriginal Sovereignty can not be determined in an Australian Municipal court (mabo vs the commonwealth,1992).

It is hoped that we can be directly involved in your working party as we have our own plan as to how these sacred remains should be handled and we beleive that the process of the repatriation can be acheived quite simply and graciously ,and for the good of all involved.

It is sensitive business and the sooner some protocol can be established between your departments and our representatives the easier the process will become.

Yours sincerely

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