

Aboriginal people, as the original people of this continent, must have all the citizenship rights taken for granted by 'all' Australians. Pretending that specific legislation protects them is ridiculous --we've taken away most of the land that's any use to us, and we have the power to enforce our laws to jail/fine them etc. Consultation with their people is so important--as is listening to their point of view and together working out the best solutions to any problems. Health and happiness are a priorities as they no longer have access to the same fresh and natural food diet they were used to--and their systems are not able to cope with the junk, specially alcohol. Solutions to these problems should be worked out constructively --not by bans and restrictions, but positive consultation and encouragement. Barbara Cliff