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1. LAND RIGHTS A PRIORITY. "Native Title" is not the same. Native Title is undisputed. Common Knowledge is that Aboriginal People ^{were} here a long time before us. If they didn't "own" the land (and so it was up for grabs) it was because "own" was and is an English concept... a civilised word which was in direct opposition to Aboriginal Law/Religion... Aboriginal Culture very strongly rejected "private ownership" especially of land. How can anyone own the earth? What "own" means is: licence to do as you please. It does not denote responsibility towards:
1. Earth
 2. Tribe / Clan / family / self
 3. The children / future.

as does the Aboriginal concept/practice of "custodianship". Lets contrast these two

1. OWNERSHIP - Common Knowledge: that in 200 years of "ownership"... we "have dirtied the nest we have built" the future looks bleak for our grandchildren if indeed there will be a future! We have bombed polluted raped pillaged a trail of wanton destruction of Earth and her people... under "ownership"
2. CUSTODIANSHIP: Common Knowledge has it that Aboriginal people were here at least 40,000 (in academia 176,000 years is thrown around) years... today's descendants can trace their lineage back to various local ancestors through oral stories (that cannot be owned or sold). Their concept of custodianship does not finish when white fella arrives!

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White man kills off the traditional owners as best they can to destroy evidence of their rights, carves up the very large "pie" into bite size pieces and proceeds to mine drill cut down poison the very earth. Aboriginal People are "sworn" to protect under their law. Its their Religion to do so. If they had not religiously upheld their law "Australia" would not have had pristine rain forests (ready for chopping) unmined gold etc....

Aboriginal Law is based on our absolute relationship to Earth Mother which commands absolute respect and caring and protection. White mans law is based on greed and commands reverence for the "filthy dollar", private ownership of land sky sea earth and people. These two laws are in direct opposition to each other. Aboriginal law made integrity and honourable behaviour more important. White mans law is an invention by the rich (the owners) to protect their interests/ riches and has nothing to do with the truth integrity or honourable behaviour.

Anyone can be corrupted. But what is corruption? Isnt the corruption begun when the almighty dollar comes along way before integrity before women and children before Earth? The corruption is the very system investigating the

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"alleged corruption". And so corruption is born of corruption. Why should anyone be surprised. People who were autarkic... were law was invested with the "Elders" (who weren't just old people) who were brought up to take care of Earth and family first now have to swear allegiance (in their "job description") to an organisation set up and paid for by "government" (the representatives of those who took land & everything away from them) Its an intricate web of stealth deceit lies false hopes to further enslave a desperate people.

Land is the issue. The land is locked up - in barbed wire and legalistic white mans words on paper. If you have a golden key you can buy your birth right (land) back. If you cannot afford a golden key you miss out and then what? Common knowledge has it that the large majority of people in the world have missed out. There are more poor people than rich. To be poor means to be landless. To be landless means you must pay for the privilege of existing on someones elses land by paying "tax". In order to pay "tax" you must work for someone else to get the dollar to pay tax. Sociologists call it the "cycle of poverty".

By focusing attention on Aboriginal affairs and various "corruptions" means
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that once again everyone is looking in the wrong place for an answer.

If all organisations in Australia (and the rest of the world for that matter) made it their business to protect the Earth to protect nourish care for all the children our future to respect protect all mothers before greed (the accumulation of earth's goods e.g. oil, gold, etc.) there would be no problems about "corruption" because any sign of disrespect/greed and subsequent lust for power ~~would~~ be severely dealt with rather than applauded and indeed worshipped. The economy/market is god. Politicians/business men are the "high priests" of fiscal transactions. And the Earth is being bled dry.

Solution recommended:

1. Recognition of traditional ownership (T.O)
2. Make appropriate legislative changes securing Native Title / land rights "across the board"
3. Lease land from the traditional owners where appropriate (an example is Nhulunbuy in N.E Arnhemland which is a white mining town being leased from T.O's)
4. "When in Rome do as the Romans". When in Aboriginal Australia do as Aboriginal Australians.. do as their law. Many Aboriginal people today are breaking their own law in upholding white man's laws!!
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5. Lets bring back integrity and respect
no more private property only
custodianship. Its our intimate
responsibility to ourselves our
children our people our earth
our future.
6. Any dispute arising from any of the
above should be arbitrated by an
independent body preferably International
(just as if anyone intended to
charge the "Commonwealth" government
with a crime e.g. cultural genocide
destruction of earths resources etc
then government funded Legal Aid
would definitely not be available?)

Too radical? Earth Mother is telling
me nothing less will do now. Its beyond
a matter of choice. The rich have led
the earth to the very brink of suicide
taking it with ~~it~~ ^{them} all the poor all the young
the birds trees a huge responsibility
to take into the life hereafter

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