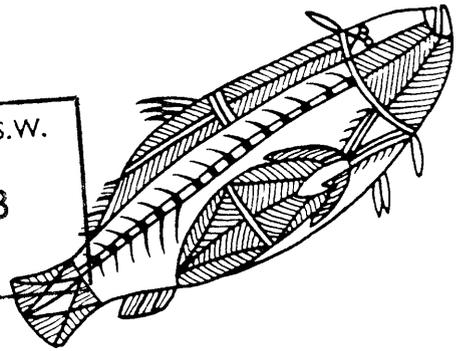
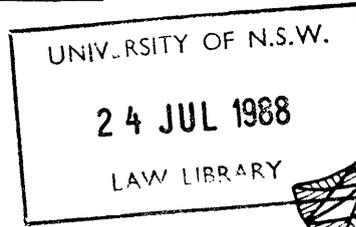


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**CONFERENCES**

**AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINALS AND THE FRENCH - 21-23 July 1988**

A three-day symposium on French contributions to knowledge about Australian Aborigines. French-Australian Research Centre, University of New South Wales. Registration Fee.

Contact: Continuing Education, University of New South Wales.  
Phone: 697-3173.

**THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY LEGAL CENTRES - 1-4 July 1988.**

This four-day conference includes a workshop on Aboriginal experience of white law, 1 July, and a one-day programme of speakers and workshops on *Aboriginal Legal and Justice issues* on Sunday 3 July. Hawkesbury Agricultural College, Richmond, Sydney.

Contact: NSW Community Legal Centres Secretariat, 18 George Street, Redfern 2016. Phone: 698-2401.

**UN WORKING GROUP ON INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS - 1-5 August 1988, Geneva.**

**PREPARATORY MEETING OF INDIGENOUS DELEGATIONS TO THE UN WORKING GROUP - 25-29 July 1988, Geneva**

**CERD (Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination) consideration of Australia's report, 2 August 1988, Geneva.**

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No. 13 - Aboriginal Criminal Justice

UN Centre Against Apartheid - Notes and Documents, April '88

- re the Sharpeville Six.
- various papers and speeches on the issue of apartheid and abolition of Racial Discrimination.
- consolidated list of sportsmen and sportswomen who have participated in sports events in South Africa (1980-87).

Journals:

Transnational Perspectives Vol 13, No 1, 1987.

Indigenous & Tribal Societies: Survival and Transformations.

New Book Releases:

Death in the Hands of the State. Edited by Michael Hogan, Dave Brown & Russell Hogg. Inquest & Alternative Criminology Journal.

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Blood From A Stone, *William Cooper and the Australian Aborigines' League,* by Andrew Markus.

Reports:

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Aboriginal Statistics 1986 (DAA, AGPS, Canberra, 1987).

ADC News (Aboriginal Development Commission) Summer 1987 (Vol 4, No 2).

Human Rights Internet **REPORTER**, Volume 12, No 2 Winter 1988.

A Report from the Native Groups of the Northwest Territories on their situation with research, Lynda Lange, Ph.D., Boreal Institute for Northern Studies, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Task Force on the Meech Lake Constitutional Accord and on the Yukon and the Northwest Territories, Canada, February 1988.

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### ALC MEETING

The Advisory Committee will meet 5.30 - 7.00pm on Thursday 14 July 1988 in the Staff Common Room, Level 11, Law School, Library Tower, University of New South Wales. Matters for discussion include: moves towards a Treaty; recognition of Aboriginal customary law; land rights in NSW; Geneva developments.

Any member of the "network" who is in Sydney on the date is invited to attend. Call (02) 697-2252.

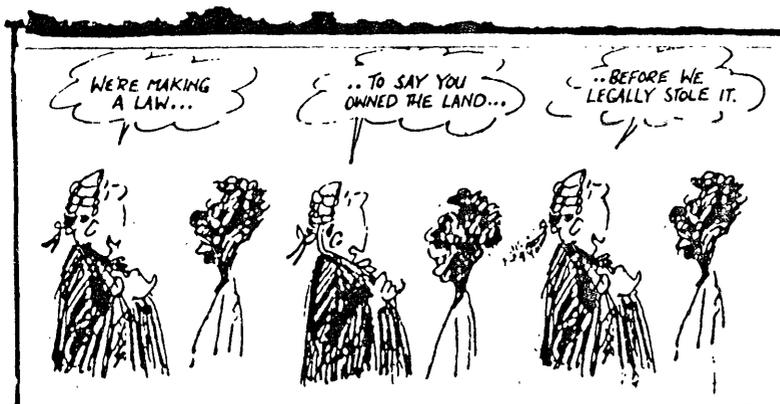
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### ALB EDITOR

The June issue is the last to be produced by Lyn Dennerstein, although she will have a substantial input into the August issue. Lyn departs in July for Italy. She has done a remarkable job in developing the ALB and goes with the thanks and best wishes of those involved with the Centre.

A new editor will be appointed shortly.

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1. The Government affirms that it is committed to work for a negotiated Treaty with Aboriginal people.
2. The Government sees the next step as Aborigines deciding what they believe should be in the Treaty.
3. The Government will provide the necessary support for Aboriginal people to carry out their own consultations and negotiations: this could include the formation of a committee of seven senior Aborigines to oversee the process and to call an Australia-wide meeting or Convention.
4. When the Aborigines present their proposals the Government stands ready to negotiate about them.
5. The Government hopes that these negotiations can commence before the end of 1988 and will lead to an agreed Treaty in the life of this Parliament.

*[Handwritten signatures and notes]*

*Walter Peltzman*  
*Chris Brown*  
 12<sup>th</sup> June '88

## THE BARUNGA STATEMENT

We, the indigenous owners and occupiers of Australia, call on the Australian Government and people to recognise our rights:

- \* To self-determination and self-management, including the freedom to pursue our own economic, social, religious and cultural development;
- \* To permanent control and enjoyment of our ancestral lands;
- \* To compensation for the loss of use of our lands, there having been no extinction of original title;
- \* To protection of and control of access to our sacred site, sacred objects, artefacts, designs, knowledge and works of art;
- \* To the return of the remains of our ancestors for burial in accordance with our traditions;
- \* To respect for and promotion of our Aboriginal identity, including the cultural, linguistic, religious and historical aspects, and including the right to be educated in our own languages and in our own culture and history;
- \* In accordance with the universal declaration of human rights, the international covenant on economic, social and cultural rights, the international covenant on civil and political rights, and the international convention on the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination, rights to life, liberty, security of person, food, clothing, housing, medical care, education and employment opportunities, necessary social services and other basic rights.

We call on the Commonwealth to pass laws providing:

- \* A national elected Aboriginal and Islander organisation to oversee Aboriginal and Islander affairs;
- \* A national system of land rights;
- \* A police and justice system which recognises our customary laws and frees us from discrimination and any activity which may threaten our identity or security, interfere with our freedom of expression or association, or otherwise prevent our full enjoyment and exercise of Universally recognised human rights and fundamental freedoms.

We call on the Australian Government to support Aborigines in the development of an international declaration of principles for indigenous rights, leading to an international covenant.

And we call on the Commonwealth Parliament to negotiate with us a Treaty recognising our prior ownership, continued occupation and sovereignty and affirming our human rights and freedoms.