

Stop the sale of Angepena

Angepena has been Adnyamathanha land since time began and it is vital to their spiritual and cultural survival.



Malki painting site on Angepena is 16000 years old

Operation Flinders, an organisation who run 4 camps a year for young people at risk are trying to buy Angepena against the wishes of the Adnyamathanha people.

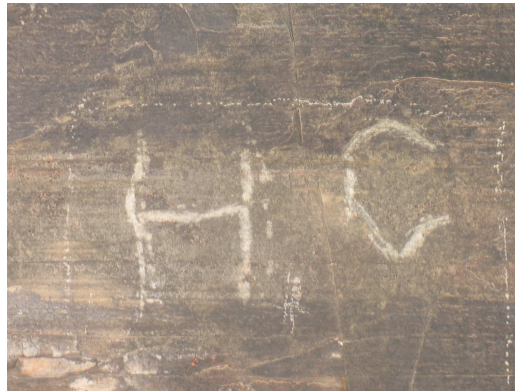
Operation Flinders do not need to own land to run their camps.

We need to get this right.

We must return this important land to Adnyamathanha people

Adnyamathanha people are more than happy to work with Operation Flinders providing there is another lease holder involved that can control what areas they access and can ensure they are environmentally friendly.

Operation Flinders say on their own website that they take 170 people to each camp, this must have a huge detrimental effect on the fragile environment and the very delicate eco systems of the Angepena area. These camps need to be facilitated on several properties to ensure the environmental impact is kept to a minimum.



This picture shows graffiti on an engraving site that is very close to where Operation Flinders used to camp on South Moolooloo. We don't want this sort of damage to happen on Angepena sites.

There are sites on Angepena where young people cannot visit but with Operation Flinders they will be walking across sacred land and we believe this will affect their mental health.

Adnyamathanha people don't want Operation Flinders to stop their camps but they don't need to own land to continue.

So we put forward a proposal whereby they could run their camps on 5 of our properties. That is Leigh Creek Station, Myrtle Springs, Mt Serle, Nantawarrina and of course Angepena if we were successful in acquiring this property.

They have said that they want to run more camps and with this proposal they could do 2 camps on each property and that would be a huge increase from their current 4 a year. They would also have far less environmental impact on the land.

Another proposal was for the State Government and Operation Flinders to work together for them to use Oraparinna National Park. There is infrastructure there and plenty of country they could access that is culturally appropriate for their camps

The other proposal we put on the table was that Adnyamathanha people buy 60% of Angepena and Operation Flinders buy the other 40% and we enter an appropriate partnership arrangement. Given that they are currently applying for 2 thirds of the money from the Federal Government I cant see why this option was not taken up.

All of these proposals were dismissed outright.

We don't understand this situation.

The Federal Minister for the Environment and Heritage is looking favourably at funding Operation Flinders to buy Angepena against the wishes of the traditional owners.



Recently he went to New Guinea to protect the Kokoda Track. Why won't he ensure the protection of these sites here in this country that are thousands of years older than the Kokoda Track and just as important to the Nations history?

**Minister Garrett used to sing
"It belongs to them, lets give it back"**

Please write to the Ministers involved or anyone else that you think may be able to stop this sale.

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**Adnyamathanha people have done
everything to try to work with Operation
Flinders but they have been ignored.**

We have tried to work with Operation Flinders, we have tried to come up with win-win solutions but no one seems to listen to us.

We have been vilified throughout this process and I am very disappointed by this. Adnyamathanha people are simply trying to protect our spirituality and our culture.

This whole situation seems bizarre, Operation Flinders do not need to own land tenure to run their camps and they offer a service to 300 young people a year and yet Adnyamathanha people have had to deal with all this distress and grief throughout this process.

The State Minister for Aboriginal Affairs has it within his power to fix this situation.



He used the **Aboriginal** Heritage Act to protect the breast plate made by Burke and Wills but he won't use the same power under the **ABORIGINAL** Heritage Act to protect the sites on Angepena.

The Victorian Premier moved swiftly to protect the Shrine of Remembrance from a development that would cast a shadow on this important building.

Our State Government through the Attorney General offered the Adnyamathanha people 10% of Angepena!

Which 10 % would they choose?



Sacred sites cannot be bought and sold!

**Angepena must be returned to
Adnyamathanha people**

**Angepena is vital
to the cultural survival of
Adnyamathanha people
and this is an issue for the NATION**