## Media Release





## Krautungalung Elder, Uncle Robbie Thorpe, Calls for Support Ahead of Genocide Inquiry

Melbourne, 30th July – Krautungalung Elder, Uncle Robbie Thorpe, will be attending the Senate Inquiry into Genocide, demanding urgent action to address historical injustices and the ongoing impacts of colonization on First Nations people. The inquiry will examine the Criminal Code Amendment (Genocide, Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes) Bill 2024, which aims to amend the Crimes Act to remove the mandatory consent requirement of the Attorney-General for prosecuting Genocide and related crimes.

"Our people have endured over 230 years of Genocide and Ecocide on this Stolen Land," declared Uncle Robbie. "The so-called Commonwealth government of Australia is illegitimate, built on the theft and destruction of our lands and lives. It is time for the government to face justice for these ongoing atrocities."

Thorpe highlights the systemic issues within the judicial process, emphasizing the need to remove barriers that prevent the prosecution of Genocide. "The Attorney-General's fiat is a disgraceful obstacle. No single person should have the power to decide if justice is served for such heinous crimes."

## Key Points:

- **Genocide and Ecocide**: The devastating impact of these atrocities on First Nations communities.
- **Historical Injustices**: The long-term effects of colonization and the need for reparations.
- **Current Events**: The Senate Inquiry's focus on amending the Crimes Act to remove barriers to justice.
- Calls to Action: Immediate policy changes and recognition of Aboriginal Sovereignty.

**Quotes**: "Mere acknowledgment of the past is a farce. We demand action that confronts the legacies of colonization and ensures a future where our children thrive on their own terms. This government must be held accountable for its crimes."

Thorpe stresses the illegitimacy of the Commonwealth government of Australia and the need for true Sovereignty and Self-Determination for First Nations people. "We have never ceded our sovereignty. This land remains unceded, and the so-called legal system here is based on lies and theft. Australia remains a crime scene until justice is served."

Thorpe's attendance at the inquiry underscores the critical need for justice and systemic change. He calls for the return of Stolen Land and Wealth, emphasizing that true reconciliation requires more than symbolic gestures.

**Call to Action**: Uncle Robbie urges the general public and media outlets to support the inquiry and advocate for justice and policy changes. "We must all stand together to end these atrocities and recognize the Sovereignty of First Nations people."

For further details and <u>Event Video Link</u> and the official <u>Parliamentary Inquiry page</u>.

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