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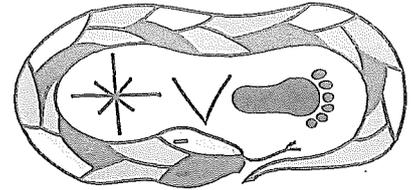
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**SUBMISSION –AMWENDMENTS TO THE NATIVE TITLE ACT**

Amendments to the Native Title Act should contain the following:

As the Native Title Act stands now as if you have a claim dismissed on the basis of connection and continuity any other person who wants to register a stronger claim cannot do so using the same Apical ancestors which makes the memory of them as being discriminated against because the applicant at the time failed to prove their connection and continuity. This is wrong and unfair to the memory of those ancestors of the claim area. This part of the Native Title Act must be changed because a person coming along with stronger evidence cannot use those same Apical ancestors. This is totally unfair to the Traditional Owner group. When the Native Title Act talks about connection and continuity it must place more emphasis on dream time stories because those dreamtime stories have been handed down from generation after generation in other words for thousands of years. That in itself should prove connection and continuity. We also submit that when a claim is dismissed by the Federal Court it should not prevent those claimants from applying for another Claim if they have new and fresh evidence that was not available at the time of the trial. As it stands now it is recognized under the Native Title Act and the Federal Court as an abuse of process.

This law does not apply in Criminal proceedings so why should it apply under the Native Title Act, is there one law for white people and another law for aboriginal people. That part of the Act should be changed immediately. Until these laws that I have submitted be changed Aboriginal people will never get equality under the Native Title Act.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ray Robinson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ray Robinson

Chairman

Bidjara Traditional Owners Limited.