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Open Letter to multi-faith communities.



Dear Faith leaders,

We respectfully invite you to stand with us on Friday 1 May 2015 across Australia and the world, to be unified in our resolve that humanity and common decency will prevail for the Aboriginal people of Australia.

In November 2014, Aboriginal Communities in Western Australia were delivered a blow to their wellbeing and way of life with the Premier Colin Barnett issuing a notice of a threat of forced closure of Aboriginal Communities. This was immediately followed by a similar statement from the Premier of South Australia. In March 2015, Prime Minister Tony Abbott reduced these communities to further despair by claiming their residence on country was a 'lifestyle choice' and one 'Australian Taxpayers' were not prepared to continue to subsidise. This response whipped up a lot of fear in communities who are living on their homelands.

On 19th March 2015, humanity spoke with all states and territories across Australia, taking to the streets in peaceful opposition to this Federal and State declaration of support in the removal of Aboriginal citizens from their homes.

Many of our community members are represented across faiths and lead their lives in accordance with deep spiritual, faith and cultural connection. In standing alongside the Aboriginal community and greater Australia, you will stand alongside this movement of humanity and compassion. Peaceful rallies and gatherings will be happening in over 70 communities nationwide and globally and we welcome you all.

Links to further information are listed below:

<https://medium.com/@occupySYDNEY/may-1st-sosblakaustralia-stop-closure-of-remote-communities-rallies-a-z-61d18b904ee1>

http://issuu.com/samcook4/docs/information_pack_sosblakaustralia

Red Dirt Blue Sky: Local Dreams, Community Action, Cultural Pride

<http://daydawn.org.au/about/>

<http://www.commongrace.org.au/sosblakaustralia>

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