

ABORIGINAL PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT

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ABORIGINES GIVE PERMISSION FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS TO ENTER AUSTRALIA

Asylum seekers are welcome on Aboriginal lands in Australia despite the inhumane approach of both major political parties, Secretary Michael Mansell said today.

Mr Mansell said, "As people who know what it's like to be invaded by boat people we are in a better position to judge how the current boat people should be treated. Where the original boat people who took over our country were armed to the teeth and bent on conquest, asylum seekers in 2013 are unarmed and seeking sanctuary.

The ancestors of Mr Rudd and Mr Abbott most likely came by boat. It is certain they never sought Aboriginal permission to enter our shores. It is hypocritical of both Mr Rudd and Mr Abbott, who gained all the benefits of migration to rise to the positions they hold, to deny other migrants the same opportunity. The only difference is that Aborigines are giving permission, not being ignored.

Some may believe it strange that a people dispossessed and dominated by migrants over two centuries would welcome more. Asylum seekers are not trying to take over anything. They are hoping they will be treated as fellow humans escaping persecution and despair, willing to risk death on the high seas to gain access to a life Mr Rudd and Mr Abbott would deny them."

Michael Mansell

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