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## PRESS RELEASE

### NO BEEF WITH RUSSIA

**Geoff Clark and Michael Mansell will lead a delegation to meet with Cape York and Gulf of Carpentaria communities next month to discuss plans to export beef to Russia.**

**Clark says that Aboriginal people need to develop its own commercial brands and export markets to places like Russia and China.**

**Instead of developing welfare cards and systems, we Aboriginal people need to be exporting our resources to the world.**

**Aborigines have no beef with Russia.**

**We are not bound to follow the US foreign policy like Australia. We are more than happy to deal with Russia.**

**Aboriginals living on cattle properties need not be destined to being on welfare cards or schemes.**

**Anyone living on the land knows that their economic survival is dependent on cattle and dairy production sales into the global market.**

**Julie Bishop did not speak to us or any cattle station owners before foolishly risking the loss of a vital dairy and beef market in Russia.**

**We are not part of any group that Julie Bishop may represent with sanctions against Russia.**

**Aborigines need to take measures to lift ourselves out of adverse poverty and not rely on advice of mining magnates to tell us we need welfare cards and income managed systems.**

**After leading successful Aboriginal trade delegations to the former Soviet Union in the late 1980s. I intend to reactivate my contacts via the Russian Embassy next week.**