

Age of Global Empires & The Land / Resource Wars c1400 - 2021

Land = Resources
People = Slaves
Trees = Timber
Cleared land = Cattle
Extractive Industries = Mining

Intergenerational land wars rely on next generations "forgetting" while paperwork is formulated and goalposts are changed, to further wrest the land from Indigenous peoples.

Luckily, First Australians are excellent storytellers and oral historians!

Mission Era

3 generations:
few survivors to many
blossoming families

Labour Era

3 generations of working
families on the land:

Stations, Forestry,
Railways and Roads

Mechanisation of manual
labour industries

Welfare Era

2 generations on
social benefits:
Education and economy
systems are largely
inaccessible for
Aboriginal people

Benefits for:
Government clerical
jobs, policing,
prison system

The Dreamtime

sunrise

sunset

Where [Heaven]
meets Earth

The Land before
Time and Taxes

1770

Cook Survey of East Coast of Australia,
"In the night we saw several fires along the shore,
and a little before noon we saw some people."

1788

"Discovery" of Australia,
declared Terra nullius, for convenience

* The Aboriginal People of Cairns area were to be left undisturbed for another 70 years.

Merakun
(1837 - [])

Aboriginal people in FNQ retaliated,
fought and died, and lost control of their ancestral lands

~1860 - ~1920 FNQ Frontier Wars Era

1872
Hinchinbrook Island
Massacre

1872
Opposite Dunk Island
Massacre

1873
Opposite Double
Island Massacre

1859

1864
Townsville
"established"

Colony of Queensland

1876
Cairns
"established"

1877
Port Douglas
"established"

1877
Mareeba
"established"

Early 1880s
Spring Creek Massacre

1884
Skull Pocket / Mulgrave River /
Skeleton Creek Battue

1886
Cockatoo Bora Massacre

1890
Speewah Massacre

Tji: Auwin
(Toby Brim)
1867 - 1941

1876 Hopevale Mission opens

1893 Yarrabah Mission opens

1913 Mona Mona Mission opens

1901
Federation

1901
White Australia Policy

1904
Queensland Aboriginal Protection Act

Genocide Fails
Aboriginal people are being **corralled** into accepting less and less

1928
Anthony Martin Fernando travels to London to
protest the massacres of his people in Australia

1930
William Cooper petitioned the king,
demanding a Voice to Parliament

1934
Aborigines Act

1937
Assimilation Policy

1943
Exemption Certificates

1938
Tindale/Birdsell Expedition to Mona Mona and Yarrabah Missions

1949
Right to Enrol

1950
Schooling

1957
Indigenous Referendum campaign begins

1967
Indigenous Referendum, reflect public recognition of
Aboriginal people as full Australian citizens

1970
Canadian linguist HALE was funded to produce a 'language' map
of Australia, presumably to simplify for Native Title purposes, eg.
FNQ 8 'tribes' reduced to 3 'language groups'

1982
Mabo Case (Torres Strait), Legal proceeding begins

1988
PM Bob Hawke receives the Baranga Statement, Arnhem Land

1991
"Treaty" song by Yothu Yindi, about broken promises

1992
Mabo Case (Torres Strait)
3 June 1992, six of the seven High Court judges upheld the
claim and ruled that the lands of this continent were not
terra nullius or 'land belonging to no-one' when
European settlement occurred

1993
Native Title Act

1988
Survival Day

1996
HORTON / AIATSIS
Language Groups map
reduces number of Tindale Tribes
3-4 fold across the country

1998
Sorry Day

2007
Little Children are Sacred report

2007
Northern Territory
Intervention response

2008
PM Kevin Rudd says "Sorry"

YEAR
Lost connection to country,
no Native Title, Brown Case

2017
Uluru Statement from the Heart

2021
QLD Labor Campaign
"Tracks to Treaty"
(Land component controlled by Native
Title Act 28 years ago)

Binnanuwan
(Cecil Brim)
1902 - 1983

Ivan Brim
1936 - 2017

Ngunbay
(Willie Brim)
1960 -

Next
Generations