

First People of the Land Policy



Many Australians could possibly think that indigenous people can't get over the past, even though we have moved on from where we were then. However, we believe, our nation is genuinely sorry for the unacceptable behaviour of many of the early English representatives of the Crown. And that today, we have a sincere desire to see all Australians flourish together.

Our President, Sri Lankan born Daniel Nalliah, who is now an Australian citizen, often mentions

the 150 years of British occupancy in his country of birth. At times when he reflected on his youth, he remembers statements his father and grandfather would say about how blessed they were to be introduced to Christianity which was brought into their country by the British. "My father used to tell me, how much better off we were because we had been under British rule which gave us the Bible, the Ten Commandments, Judeo Christian Values and Democracy. Christianity and the Ten Commandments became the corner stone of our society". Mr Nalliah said, his father told him, he regretted the day the British left Sri Lanka in 1948. "From that time the country has spiralled backward, suffering ethnic tensions which have caused the deaths of 100s of thousands of Sri Lankans. I wonder," Mr Nalliah says, "if the British had never landed on Australian soil, who would have taken the land and what would we be today?" RUAP President, Daniel Nalliah also states; "we as a nation should not be focused on the negative, but rather we should thank God for the good and the blessings brought to this nation because of British occupancy".

We do not deny that the **First People of the Land** have suffered many injustices because of the wrong behaviour towards their people from the governments of the past. However, having said this, RUAP believes, that before both or any people groups can really move on now there has to be true forgiveness on all sides, and recognition that we are endeavouring as a nation to right the wrongs of the past.

RUAP sees the connection between the past and the present?

We also understand that the impact of control on the Aboriginal/Torrens Strait Islander people has grown over the generations resulting in suffering, poverty and other disadvantages, such as, poor nutrition, lack of opportunities, inadequate education and lack of proper health care.

Rise Up Australia Party recognizes that, although we cannot change the past, we can direct the present to impact the future for the optimum well-being of our First People of the Land; allowing all Australians to advance together as one people, Australian people, on the foundation of truth, honour and equality.



Daniel Nalliah – Party President and Leader

Our Policy!

Historical Truth – We propose that accurate records, considering the indigenous perspectives, should be acknowledged and taught in our educational institutions from a perspective that brings positive hope for the future, rather than a focus on the past.

Equality and equity to all Australians – The first people of the land should be encouraged to work side by side with all Australians under Godly values, for the building of the nation together.

Unity – We advocate an environment where we can come together in agreement and would work to that cause.

RUAP believes to achieve these goals we should consider:

1. Indigenous political representation which includes national and state leadership.
2. Independent, community leadership roles for indigenous people, in their own communities.
3. Economic opportunities and development – RUAP would propose training and teaching which would allow the First People of the Land to conduct and develop their own businesses, companies and welfare schemes.
4. Indigenous developments and projects especially in outback regions.
5. RUAP understands that the first people of the land want agreements in place in order to improve their lifestyle. We propose that a treaty should be **considered**, not to bind up either party to the point of future regret, but to determine basic rights and to agree on the freedoms of both Indigenous people and all other Australian citizens.



6. We propose that all youth have the opportunity of training in a variety of vocations. Please check RUAP's JobLink policy for further info regarding full employment and training ⁽¹⁾

7. We are committed to: Honouring the Indigenous people; the continual public acknowledgement of traditional custodianship and advancing Australia together.

(1) <http://riseupaustrialiparty.com/wp-content/uploads/pdf/RUAP-Economic-Policy.pdf>