

**Submission  
No 3**

**INQUIRY INTO OVERCOMING INDIGENOUS  
DISADVANTAGE**

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### **Inquiry into closing the gap – overcoming indigenous disadvantage**

I am an Aboriginal person, custodian of the unwritten law and representative of the indigenous court of justice.

Making a submission. All needs to change.

Issues:

1. Language: I am a custodian of Aboriginal rights, customs [has been initiated as a representative of aboriginal customs and practice]. There are over 500 Aboriginal languages which are not being utilised.
2. Land: Wonders if there was a general law and consent to passing Aboriginal land to white people to give it authority? Was there a treaty of authority which has ever given it to the Crown by the sovereign people of many nations in the occupied territories? We uphold exclusive right and law of our land.
3. Health and wellbeing: Water is a big worry. Education has taught (?), no work for young people. How many black faces do you see in TV stories working [in retail]. We need to have our own ambulance (?), where we can do our own meeting with government. Unfinished business must be fixed like stolen wages, promises made in the press, more houses to rent; organisations funded so that they get self-determination.
4. Language, cultural identity: to our land and I am very worried about site, having housing built on the site, not right – shouldn't do this.

This is first time I have written a submission.

From Marjorie Woodrow.