

The Meriam people of the Torres Strait are “entitled as against the whole world to possession, occupation, use and enjoyment of the lands in the Murray Islands”

**High Court of Australia
Mabo Decision 3 June 1992**

To the Honourable the President and Members of the Senate in Parliament assembled:

The Petition of the undersigned shows:

The citizens of Australia recognise that by its decision in the Mabo case the High Court restored the rights of Indigenous Australians to be recognised in our/their own country. The Mabo decision finally overturned the legal fiction that Australian land belonged to no one at the time of colonisation and thereby corrected a fundamental flaw in the foundation of Australia’s nationhood.

Your Petitioners ask that the Senate declare the anniversary of the Mabo decision an Australian Public Holiday to assist Australians in their celebration of this triumph of justice.

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