

AUSTRALIA AS ONE NATION ABOUT TIME

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Prime Minister Julia Gillard met with indigenous leaders including Pat Dodson.
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Every so often in a rare moment of Australia's history political parties agree on matters which are important to the nation.

A time where all parties put aside their ideological differences for the good of the country.

We are not often given the opportunity to bear witness to those rare glimpses of history unless we are actively involved in the process. Today, we have been given that opportunity in our life to see a healing and closing of a wound that has been a terrible stain on our nation.

We can honestly say that in times of war, depression, plague, natural disasters and other issues of great importance to the Australian nation, Australians' on whole have supported the Government of the day to overcome these challenges the nation has faced. Recognising our indigenous people, granting them equal rights, acknowledging their presence before the arrival of the white man and above all respecting their customs and culture is a huge step in the closing of a wound that had been festering for in excess of 200 years.

It is pleasing to note that both the major political parties have worked in unison to achieve what in previous years was thought the impossible. It is true that will always remain a recalcitrant few that fail to acknowledge the original owners but they are few and in the minority. Never having to feel guilty about the past actions of previous generations but acknowledging that the current generation has a responsibility to the original owners of the land is a tribute to the Prime Minister Julia Gillard and to the Opposition Leader Tony Abbot. Both are to be congratulated and applauded for this momentous step forward along with every other individual or institution that assisted in this great move forward.



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