

AMPILATWATJA COMMUNITY WALK-OFF

BRIEFING FOR ABORIGINAL WORKERS AND ORGANISATIONS

10am -12pm, Tuesday 6 October, Redfern Community Centre

Addressed by Richard Downs, Spokesperson for Alywarra Elders, Ampilatwatja
Introduction by Shane Phillips, Redfern

Please RSVP as soon as possible to Liv Nigro: liv.nigro@gmail.com or 0401 955 405
Organised by Stop The Intervention Collective Sydney

www.interventionwalkoff.wordpress.com

“On July 14 we, Elders from the Ampilatwatja community, three hours north-east of Alice Springs, walked out of our houses and set up camp in the bush. We are fed up with the federal government's Northern Territory Intervention, controls and measures, visions and goals forced onto us from outside. We felt we were outcaste and isolated from all decision making -there has been no meaningful consultation... We therefore have no intention of going back there. We intend to stay here until our demands are met. We demand the federal government:

- * Stop the NT Intervention
- * Genuinely consult with us on any plans that will affect our lives now and for the future
- * Reinstate the full Racial Discrimination Act without conditions or measures
- * Fund housing and community development, not intervention
- * Stop compulsory five-year leases and restore Aboriginal land rights”

INVITATION FROM RICHARD DOWNS

I would like to send a personal invitation to all our brothers and sisters, who are leaders and workers in their Aboriginal organisations to come together as one people.

It would be an honour to meet and to share with you our struggles against the Northern Territory Emergency Response measures, what it is doing to our people and why myself and my people have walked off our community.

I would like to share with you the visions of our leaders and Elders and the path we have chosen to honour the lines of our country, mother Earth, our dreaming and spirituality.

Brothers and sisters, we are one and we are part of you. We are all connected through mother Earth.

This is the true line we must follow to unite and to bring all our white brothers and sisters on this journey with us.

We have many struggles and journeys ahead. The time is now. It is vital that we come together to listen to each other and share our thoughts and ideas on the way forward. What will be the future for our aboriginal people across this country?

I look forward to meeting many of you on the tour and hope to create lasting friendships and connections so that we can work towards creating a better future for our younger generations.

Richard Downs