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INDIGENOUS RIGHTS FILM SCREENING EVENT: OUR GENERATION with special guests

This independent documentary is a rollercoaster journey into the heart of Australia's Indigenous relations, a hidden shame that is pushing the world's oldest living culture to the edge. Through the stories of the Yolngu of Arnhem Land, the film looks at the Government's ongoing policies of paternalism and assimilation, examines the real issues underlying Indigenous disadvantage, and opens dialogue on ways forward that respect Aboriginal culture and dignity. A fresh and unflinching look at unresolved issues, with music by **John Butler Trio**, **Yothu Yindi** and **Gurrumul**.

This event is a special preview screening of the film in Sydney, to raise funds for its final post-production costs. The groundbreaking film has been made entirely with public and philanthropic support. Once completed, the film will be shown across the country, in partnership with indigenous and human rights organizations, and submitted for national and international broadcast.

The 70-minute film will be followed by Q&A discussion with special guests:

Rev. Dr. Djiniyini Gondarra OAM, senior Yolngu elder and statesman from Elcho Island, NE Arnhem Land, former member of the Council for Reconciliation, and a main character in the film **Les Malezer**, Chairman of the Global Indigenous Peoples Caucus to the United Nations, and Winner of the 2008 Human Rights Medal

Jeff McMullen AM, former ABC foreign correspondent, prize-winning Four Corners documentary film-maker and best-selling author

The event has been supported by the University of Sydney's Koori Centre, NSW Reconciliation Council, and Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) NSW.

"This is a very important film that everyone must see... It will change your life." **John Butler**

"If ever Australia had an Inconvenient Truth, this is it. Our Generation is a highly emotional, powerful journey into territory that we have chosen too long to ignore. If we are to progress with dignity and grace as a nation, we need to face our indigenous past and our responsibility to maintain our First Nations culture into the future. This is a film every Australian needs to see." **Cathy Henkel, Director of The Burning Season**

"The truth in this film is like a red hot poker driven into the conscience of a nation. Aboriginal voices, unheard or ignored, make it plain that they are 'of their land' and that they will not trade off their lawful rights. This film is a plea for reason. Are we listening? Will we act?" **Jeff McMullen, former ABC Foreign Correspondent**

Event: OUR GENERATION Preview Screening with special guests
Subtitle: In support of Aboriginal rights in Australia
Venue: Footbridge Theatre, Parramatta Road, Glebe, University of Sydney
When: 6.30pm, Thursday 20 May 2010 (finish 8.30pm)
Box Office opens at 6.00pm
Price: \$20 (payable at the door)
Bookings: RSVP by email (info@ourgeneration.org.au) or call 0420 400 284
Weblink: www.ourgeneration.org.au (includes trailer)

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