

Media Release - Melbourne Rally: Abolish the Monarchy 2022

In Melbourne, Warriors of the Aboriginal Resistance, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and allies are rallying along with other cities across so-called Australia and the world in the National day of Protest. We are calling for the "Abolition of the Monarchy". Join us at 1.30pm at Birrarung Marr on Thursday 22 September.

We stand against racist colonial imperialism and its ongoing effects on us as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. While they mourn the Queen, we mourn everything her regime stole from us: our children, our land, our loved one's lives, our sacred sites, our histories.

We demand:

- Land Back - all Lands stolen and occupied to be returned to the rightful sovereign owners.
- End to Deaths in Custody and justice for all the families of those who have died.
- A return of all stolen wealth - ancestral remains, artifacts, wages and material goods belonging to First Nations and other peoples the British have exploited, enslaved and stolen from.
- We demand justice, truth and accountability - including reparations for everyone colonised by Britain.

We stand in solidarity and rage with other peoples across the world who have been oppressed, murdered, enslaved and vilified under the British colonial enterprise.

We do not want to be a part of the Stolen(common)Wealth - we never have, and we will continue to fight against all it stands for and its ongoing colonial regime which continues to exploit, oppress and kill our people. Using the Queen's death to strengthen the monarchy's power is out of touch, disrespectful and is completely at odds with the Treaty process.

We have never ceded our sovereignty. We have consistently demanded and fought for all of these demands - this is the latest protest to continue that fight. This is a stance against the continued colonial and imperial violence committed against First Nations, Black, Brown and Asian communities, as well as Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

We call on all to stand with us, to support our demands and to fight with us for a just and Black future. We call on everyone to support Dhadjowa Foundation by donating on their website: <https://dhadjowa.com.au/pages/donate>.

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