

50th Anniversary 1967 Referendum

Breakdown of results by state

Right	NSW	VIC	SA	WA	NT	QLD
Voting rights (state)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Marry freely	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Control own children	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Move freely	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Own property freely	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No
Receive award wages	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Alcohol allowed	No	No	No	No	No	No

REFERENDUM VOTING AT LATEST COUNT

NEXUS

	Enrolled	Yes	No	Inf.	Total
N.S.W.	2,315,524	955,215	953,380	32,478	1,979,043
Vic.	1,734,214	460,322	1,045,794	20,508	1,526,624
Qld.	905,107	333,572	424,263	9,081	766,906
S.A.	590,264	173,659	340,761	10,937	525,297
W.A.	437,577	102,395	253,946	9,796	366,137
Tas.	199,540	39,784	134,499	3,680	177,963
TOTALS ..	6,182,226	2,102,947	3,183,543	86,480	5,341,970

ABORIGINES

	Enrolled	Yes	No	Inf.	Total
N.S.W. ...	2,315,524	1,779,346	166,138	33,589	1,979,043
Vic.	1,734,214	1,427,459	79,909	19,256	1,526,624
Qld.	905,107	677,941	80,222	8,743	766,906
S.A.	590,264	443,432	70,337	11,528	525,297
W.A.	437,577	288,143	68,013	9,981	366,137
Tas.	199,540	156,953	17,233	3,777	177,963
TOTALS ..	6,182,226	4,773,274	481,852	86,844	5,341,970

May 27 1967 Referendum

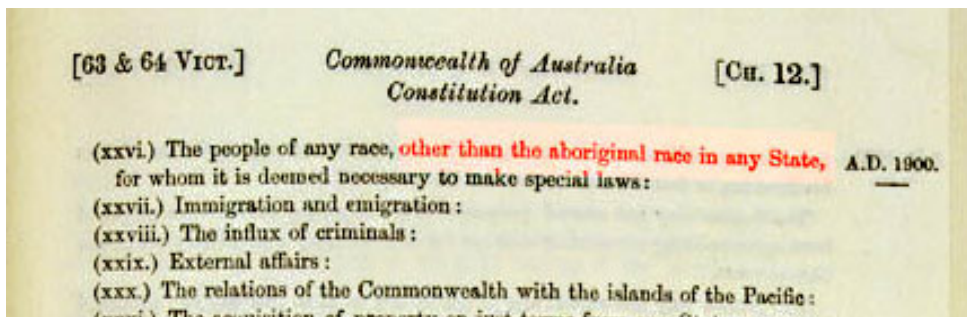
Supported by a majority in every state - 90.8% in favour

- 527007 votes against
- 5,183,113 votes for
- 91464 informal votes.

What it did:

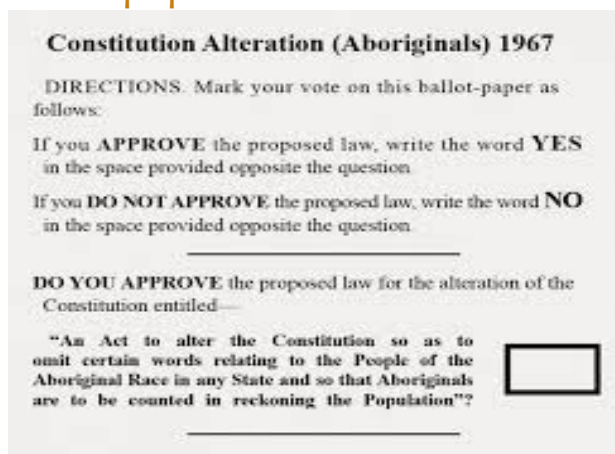
1. conferred power on Commonwealth to make special laws for Aboriginal people
2. entitled Indigenous Australians to be included on census and electoral calculations.

Australian Constitution before the Referendum



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Ballot paper



Campaign Materials

AS AUSTRALIANS

WE WANT TO STOP THIS:



Pastor Nicholls, M.B.E., examining a child on the Warburton Reserve. Flies! But too weak to bother.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FROM 4th AUGUST, 1958 TO 1st JULY, 1959

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURE	
August 4, 1958—	July 1, 1959—	By Postal Account	£262 8 3
To Balance on Hand—	General Fund	Warburton Reserve	Salaries and Travelling £2,565 14 3
Warburton Reserve	223 14 11	Fuel, Stationery,	118 10 8
Postal Account	252 8 3	Printing	272 12 11
	4891 3 7	By Cash—	135 0 0
July 1, 1959—	By Cheque—	Postage	86 12 7
To Collection and Donations	£3,304 8 3	By Leagues	43 2 2
Aboriginal Girls' Hostel	17 6 9	By Banks, etc.	20 17 11
General Fund	11 2 6	By Electricity	6 0 6
Sale of Books, etc.	11 2 6	By Telephone	19 15 0
Interest	43,319 3 4	By Other Funds—	60 1 8
	TOTAL £4,383 8 1	Balance Funds in Hand—	£303 8 17
Audited by A. W. BRENCKOE, F.C.A.,	General Fund	Warburton Reserve	32 14 11
Auditor,			217 3 4
Melbourne, 22nd July, 1959.			TOTAL £4,628 3 1

POST THIS COUPON NOW

ABORIGINES' ADVANCEMENT LEAGUE,
45 RUSSELL ST., MELBOURNE, VICT. 378.

Please find enclosed £1, which entitles me to become a friend of the A.A.L.




He, too, is an AUSTRALIAN!

You, too, as an Australian, can help the Aborigines!

RIGHT WRONGS

WRITE

YES



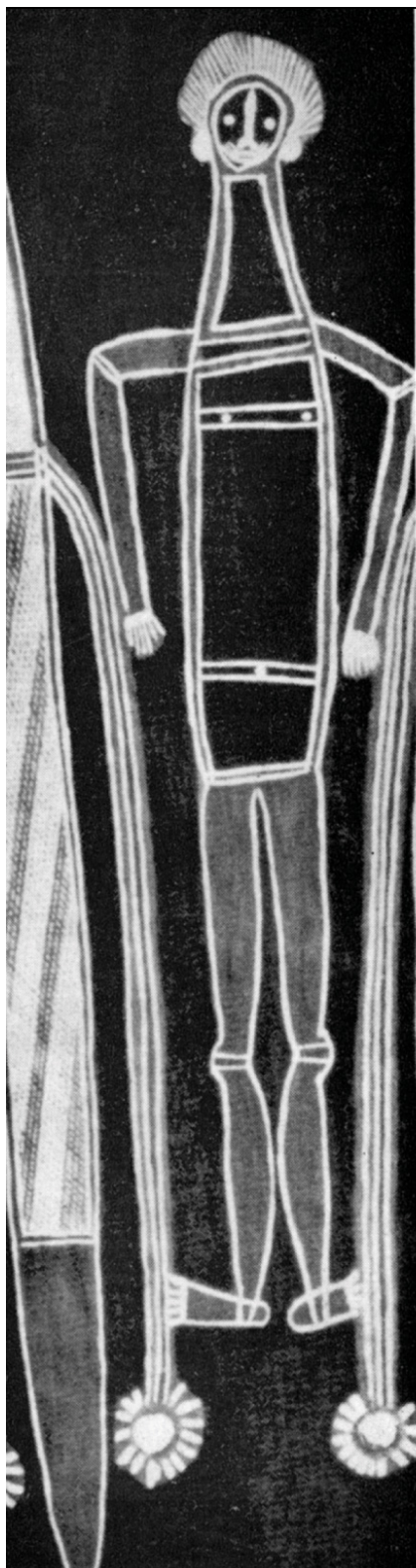
for

ABORIGINES!

On May 27

Authorized by I. McCallum, 9 Gough Street, Cairns. Issued by Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders.

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The Rights of the Australian Aborigines AND YOU

*"All human beings are born free and equal . . .
in dignity and human rights . . .
and should act towards one another
in a spirit of brotherhood."*

ARTICLE 1. United Nations
Declaration on Human
Rights

**WHAT CAN AUSTRALIANS OF
EUROPEAN DESCENT DO
TO MAKE THIS A REALITY
FOR THEIR FELLOW-AUSTRALIANS
OF ABORIGINAL DESCENT ?**

Vote YES

in the Federal Referendum on
Saturday, May 27, 1967

Appeal by . . .

THE AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF
SALARIED AND PROFESSIONAL
ASSOCIATIONS

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★ The basic condition of the Aborigines remains that of an oppressed national minority. This is emphasised, not contradicted, by the fact that the great majority of them are poverty-ridden laborers.

The high unemployment, sickness and illiteracy rates among them, their generally substandard housing and education, their exclusion from skilled trades and professions are the direct result of official discrimination against them as a people, not of any natural shortcomings. Person for person, they have the same potential as any other human being. What they lack is opportunity, encouragement and help.

YES

The referendum on May 27th makes it possible to end some of the discrimination against Australian Aborigines.

Every voter will be asked to vote for the deletion of certain words from Section 51 sub-section (xxvi) and of Section 127 from the Commonwealth Constitution.

These clauses have long been used as an excuse by both Federal and State Governments for the continued lack of opportunity for many Aborigines. Deletion of these clauses will not solve the problems of the Aboriginal people, but a YES VOTE in the referendum would be a step forward to a situation in which Australians can compel Governments to act justly towards the Aborigines.

The referendum is being held in response to pressure from many sections of the community, including the Aboriginal people.

The Holt Government is not acting as a matter of principle or with any sense of urgency. In fact it has linked this vital issue with another, designed to increase the number of members of Federal Parliament—not a popular issue.

The referendum on the clauses of the Constitution affecting Aborigines should have been held separately.

Electors should certainly consider the two issues separately.

Every reasonable-minded Australian who seeks an end to discrimination against Aborigines will VOTE YES and persuade others to do likewise.

On May 27th VOTE YES

**For
the
rights
of
Australian
Aborigines**



Cheerful Aboriginal youngsters in a NSW country town—what does the future hold for them?