

# Australia becomes a colonial quarry

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The Citizens Electoral Councils (CEC), the co-thinkers of Lyndon LaRouche in Australia, have just released 25,000 copies of an explosive new special report, *Behind the 'Land Rights' Scam: The Oligarchy's Raw Materials Grab*, outlining how Australia is set to become the world financial oligarchy's private quarry.

Since January, the CEC's *New Citizen* newspaper has featured a series of special reports exposing the British Crown's hand in preventing Australia from developing as a sovereign nation-state, showing that Prince Philip and the oligarchical elites of the Club of the Isles founded Australia's environmentalist and "indigenist" movements. The most recent issue, entitled "The Rise and Fall of Australia," emphasized how Queen Elizabeth had personally directed the sacking of Prime Minister Gough Whitlam in 1975, because, despite his shortcomings, he had a grand vision to industrialize and settle the entire continent, and to take back control of the vast natural resources of the nation from the oligarchical multinationals that controlled 62% of the nation's minerals and energy wealth at that time.

The special report showed how these elites control the raw materials cartel firms, such as Rio Tinto Zinc (RTZ) and ICI. It is therefore lawful to find these mining and commodities firms funding the radical environmentalist-indigenist movement in order to lock up vast resource-rich land from development.

## Oligarchs fund indigenists

A prime example is Sir Maurice Mawby, CBE (Commander of the British Empire). Mawby was the first chairman of Conzinc Rio Tinto of Australia Ltd. (CRA), RTZ's subsidiary, and the Chairman of Benefactors of the Prince Philip-founded Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF), i.e., its chief fundraiser. Mawby was also on the board of RTZ (London).

Richard Austin and Charles Warren Boynton are other examples of mining and raw materials executives sponsoring the ACF-World Wildlife Fund (WWF). Austin, OBE (Order of the British Empire), was deputy director of the Australian Secret Intelligence Service; he held various senior positions in RTZ and was on the board of trustees of the WWF in Australia. Boynton AO, KStJ (Knight of St. John), was a board member of ICI Australia in 1940-66, is a foundation member of ACF, and is on the WWF's board of trustees.

In addition, Prince Philip's old Navy buddy, and former private secretary, Cmdr. Michael Parker, was on the board of ACF and is on the WWF's board of trustees. Former Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser was a founding member of ACF, and on the WWF's board of trustees. Although not a raw materials executive, Fraser was the chairman of the U.N. Committee on African Commodity Problems. As the report points out, "There has only ever been one commodity problem in Africa, which is that the Crown-linked multinationals have been ripping off Africa's mineral and agriculture commodity wealth for less than 1¢ on the dollar, for over a century."

Through various ploys, 32% of Australia has been locked up in either "conservation" or Aboriginal land rights. The *New Citizen's* report reveals that Aboriginal organizations (Aborigines are 1.5% of Australia's 17 million population) hold 77 cattle ranches, making them the largest land-holders in Australia. These vast ranches are acquired by Aboriginal organizations, through government funding. Once acquired, "land claims" are filed, to make it Aboriginal land in perpetuity. The purpose is not development, for Aborigines or anyone else. Much of the area becomes wasteland, through neglect.

## Two case studies

The report illustrates this using two case studies: 1) the Kimberleys region of Western Australia, where cattle stations are carrying only 10% of their capacity after being taken over by Aboriginal organizations with government money, and 2) the Northern Territory, now 47% "Aboriginal," with many land claims pending. In both cases, the self-appointed Aboriginal organizations overseeing "Aboriginal rights," have played very shady roles. The Kimberley Land Council intends to turn a vast swath of northwestern Australia into an autonomous nation within two years.

The Northern Land Council, the Northern Territory's Aboriginal land group, has a deal with RTZ's subsidiary, CRA Ltd., for an area of some 4,300 square miles, in which the NLC will get funds for the area it claims, whether or not the NLC is finally granted the land in court.

Australia's most graphic example of radical indigenism can be seen in the state of Western Australia (W.A.), where 95% of the state's mining leases are under Aboriginal claim. The Kimberleys goldfields is one of the world's wealthiest gold deposits, where in some cases, Aboriginal land groups have registered up to four separate land claims over the same area. Some 420,000 square miles, or 30% of the state, are under claim by Aboriginals, including the world's largest diamond deposit, owned by RTZ.

To illustrate how wild these claims are, *New Citizen* listed some of them: The Swan River, the capital city of Perth's main waterway; Perth Airport; the entire Ord River hydroelectric scheme in the northwest of W.A.; an area extending from W.A. to South Australia (the neighboring eastern state), going about 100 miles out to sea and taking in the Great Australian Bight.