



## **First Nations leaders gather once more in the heart of Australia to define Treaty**

Led by Altyerre, Arrernte Elders Rosalie Kunoth-Monks, Ngarla Kunoth-Monks and Narungga Elder Tauto Sansbury, the Freedom Movement will gather once more in the heart of the continent this Friday to Sunday, 11 - 13 September.

The Freedom Movement was born out of the Freedom Summit at the Old Telegraph outside of Mparntwe (Alice Springs) last November.

Members of tribal nations, including respected leaders of First Peoples, will gather to define and agree on a Treaty.

They will craft a Treaty from the people – a salt of the earth, grass-roots document that respects the First Peoples, that is of, and by, the First Peoples of this continent.

According to Tauto Sansbury, “We are anticipating a good number from across the country to show a united front on this important issue of sovereignty in our country, which has been railroaded by the Recognition campaign, a diversion from the real issues, and will not deliver for all traditional owners.”

“I encourage all who are able, to come, to protect our culture, customs and tradition and to have a voice.”

Rosalie Kunoth-Monks is this year's NAIDOC Person of the Year. Tauto Sansbury is this year's NAIDOC Lifetime Achievement Award recipient and Ngarla Kunoth-Monks is a long-serving dedicated social justice stalwart of her people.

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