

Our land needs to be in our hands. The idea of allowing people with no Tasmanian ancestry to have rights over sacred sites is just another form of colonization. ALCT allows anyone with ancestry to utilize the land, this misconception that you have to be a member of the Tasmanian Aboriginal Center to access these areas is completely incorrect and the government and media need to stop feeding into this miss-truth. People that aren't associated with the center have access to the area through ALCT because they can prove they have the bloodline. The Tasmanian Government and the Northern Territory Government are the only ones in this country that hold such a heavy hand over the rights of first nations people, not allowing us to be self determined. They tell us how to identify, they decided who gets access to land, they make all the decisions about people and country they have no sovereign rights over. My people have maintained this land for over 80,000 years, white people destroyed it in less than 250 years, now instead of adhering to their talks of "truth and treaty", they're continuing to attempt to colonize us.

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