

'No wonder we Aboriginal people can't get ahead':

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Indigenous politician says paying respect to elders and smoking ceremonies are 'bulls* rituals'**

- Indigenous former NT minister Bess Price slammed 'welcome to country' events
- She said Aboriginal symbolism was a 'lie' as indigenous women suffered violence
- It comes as her daughter Jacinta Price is attacked over pro-Australia Day stance

By STEPHEN JOHNSON FOR DAILY MAIL AUSTRALIA

A former indigenous politician who received a prestigious award from **Barack Obama** has described Aboriginal 'welcome to country' ceremonies as bulls***.

Bess Price said such ceremonies would only ever be indigenous symbolism while Aboriginal women in remote communities continued to suffer higher rates of domestic violence. She argued that gestures to improve the self-esteem of first Australians did nothing to address the dire living standards of women in remote Aboriginal communities, where alcohol abuse and poverty were rife.

'No wonder we Aboriginal people can't get ahead. No wonder Aboriginal women experience the highest level of violence against us,' the former Northern Territory government minister told her **Facebook** followers from Alice Springs this week.



Former indigenous minister Bess Price slammed indigenous symbolism as 'a lie'



Bess Price said 'Welcome to Country' events were a 'shame' as indigenous women bashed (Aboriginal tent Embassy in Canberra pictured)

'All the "Welcome to Country", all the "Smoking Ceremonies" and all the made up bulls* rituals about "pay our respects to elders past and present" is just one big lie. 'Shame shame shame.'**

The Warlpiri woman received a prestigious U.S. International Women's Courage Award from former U.S. President Barack Obama in 2012 for her work tackling domestic violence. She re-entered the public spotlight as her daughter Jacinta Price was attacked this week for campaigning to keep Australia Day on January 26.



**Price's daughter Jacinta was attacked for supporting keeping Australia Day where it is
Councillor says 'offended' activists are pushing for date change**

In the Facebook post, written on Sunday night, Bess Price also took aim at a former indigenous Northern Territory Labor politician, Marion Scrymgour, for publicly criticising her daughter.

Ms Scrymgour, a former deputy chief minister of the Northern Territory, previously described Jacinta Price as a 'dud' on Facebook who 'our mob can see through'.

'The hate that has been directed at my daughter for having a different opinion to those who want to remain in their victimhood mentality is disgusting and I'm appalled,' Bess Price said. 'There is a dark side that has come to surface and Australia is now witnessing this up close.'



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Jacinta Price, an Alice Springs town councillor, had this month joined former federal Labor leader Mark Latham as part of a 'Save the Date' campaign to maintain the national day where it is.

Her involvement in TV and radio ads came as the Greens described the upcoming 230th anniversary of the First Fleet landing in Sydney Harbour as a day of 'genocide'.

Some indigenous people regard the idea of commemorating Australia Day on January 26, when the British arrived in 1788, as 'Invasion Day'.

Jacinta Price had been targeted by online trolls, who had wished her a 'painful death', and left-wing indigenous activists who accused her of selling out indigenous people.



Bess Price added 2 new photos.



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There is a major problem in Aboriginal Australia alright. The reason why we can never move forward for a better tomorrow is because those who claim to be Aboriginal are very happy to bring other Aboriginal people down. The hate that has been directed at my daughter for having a different opinion to those who want to remain in their victimhood mentality is disgusting and I'm appalled. There is a dark side that has come to surface and Australia is now witnessing this up close. What disappoints me the most is the way in which a former Deputy Chief Minister Marion Scrymgour who I once considered a friend is helping fuel the hate toward my daughter Jacinta. No wonder we Aboriginal people can't get ahead. No wonder Aboriginal women experience the highest level of violence against us. All the 'Welcome to Country', all the 'Smoking Ceremonies' and all the made up ████████ rituals about 'pay our respects to Elders past and present' is just one big lie! Shame shame shame!!

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Indigenous former Northern Territory minister Bess Price blasted 'welcome to country' events

WHAT IS A SMOKING CEREMONY?

A smoking ceremony is an ancient, indigenous custom where native leaves are burnt as part of a cleansing ritual to ward off bad spirits.

They also symbolise the strong connection Aboriginal people have with their land over more than 60,000 years, however critics say the ceremony is in danger of looking forced if it is done too often.

Smoking ceremonies are conducted by indigenous elders at major events, including the opening of parliament after an election.

They are traditionally performed in indigenous culture at births, marriages and at separate men's and women's business.

They can also be part of a 'welcome to country', where recognised Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders recognise their ancestors and welcome visitors to the traditional owner's land.

But unlike New Zealand's traditional Maori Haka at All Blacks games, speeches by Aboriginal elders aren't as well meshed with the broader Australian culture.

The 'welcome to country' was adopted into Australia's parliamentary protocols in 2008, after then prime minister Kevin Rudd delivered his apology to the stolen generation.

However, two years after that decision Aboriginal entertainer Ernie Dingo claimed that he invented the concept in 1976 when Pacific Island dancers demanded they receive a traditional welcome.

An 'acknowledgement of country' is when a speaker recognises the traditional 'elders past and present' of the land they are meeting on, and is often recited by civic figures and politicians at the beginning of speeches.

University of Adelaide anthropologist Peter Sutton is a critic of indigenous symbolic gestures as indigenous people continue to die 10 years earlier than non-Aboriginal Australians.

'Too often, unhappily, these profoundly difficult questions are turned into a compassion contest,' he told The Age in 2009.

* Source: James Cook University, Parliamentary Education Office, Fairfax Media.

Subject: Fwd: Aboriginal woke bullshit.

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Quote from former indigenous NT minister Bess Price (mother of Jacinta Price). All the "Welcome to Country", all the "Smoking Ceremonies" and all the made-up bullshit rituals about "pay our respects to elders past and present" is just one big lie.

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The Aboriginals have supposedly been here for at least 30,000 years (some say more like 60,000 years). That's about 29,750 years before the British arrived.

Since the arrival of the English, only about 250 years ago, Australia has prospered and developed into a modern first world country, along with all other Western democracies. Yet for at least 30,000 years (prior to the arrival of the British) the Aboriginals seemed to have not progressed one step.

To put this into perspective, the Egyptian empire came and went between around 1570 BC and 1070 BC. Aboriginals had inhabited our great land for at least 27,000 years prior to the Egyptian empire.

The Greek empire was at its peak in the period 500 BC to 300 BC and the Roman empire was at its peak around 117 BC. Each of those empires were highly advanced and contributed enormously to the advancement of the modern world.

It therefore beats me why the Aboriginals are now so revered. I could understand it if during their 30,000 years of occupation they had built massive pyramids or miles of high-rise aqueducts or invented steam engines etc.

JUST A LITTLE SOMETHING TO CONTEMPLATE BEFORE SIGNING UP FOR **"THE VOICE"** – TAKE CARE - WE ALREADY HAVE A PARLIAMENT THAT REPRESENTS **"ALL"** AUSTRALIANS.

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