

# I AM

I am born of the land, my soul is the sun  
Nature is my mother, I am mother's native son

The wind is my spirit, running wild running free  
The water is my mirror, reflecting visions in me

I am like a great river that slowly runs dry  
Polluted and abused I am the river slowly I die

I am a child of the earth created from dust  
Taking only what I need, taking only what I must

I am a hunter of animals, imitating their stance  
I am a hunter of animals, imitating in dance

I own no land, for the land owns me  
That's how it has been, how it always will be

I am from the dreamtime, a time long gone by  
The dreaming is my spirit, I am at home when I die

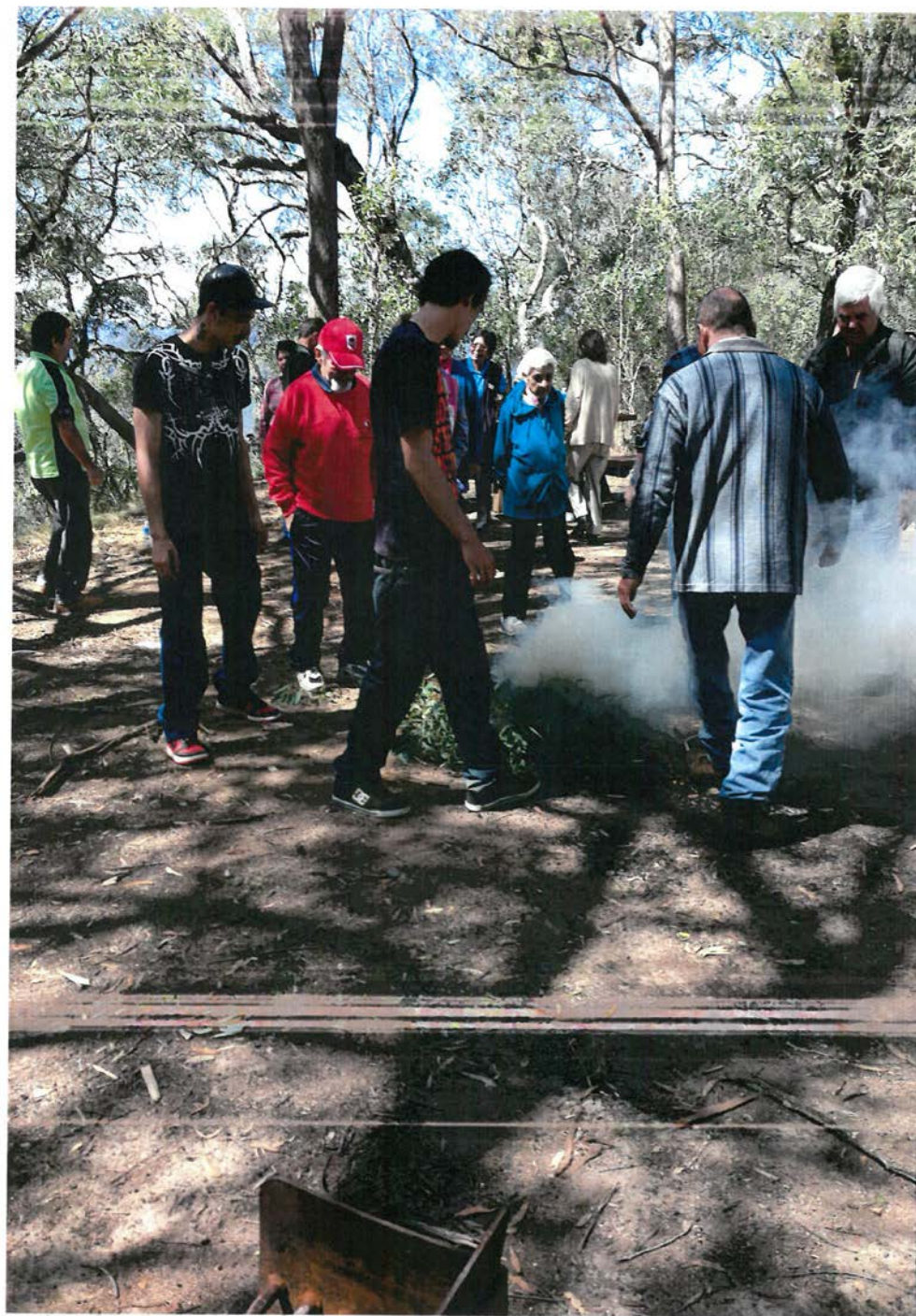
For I am..... What I am..... I am Aborigine.



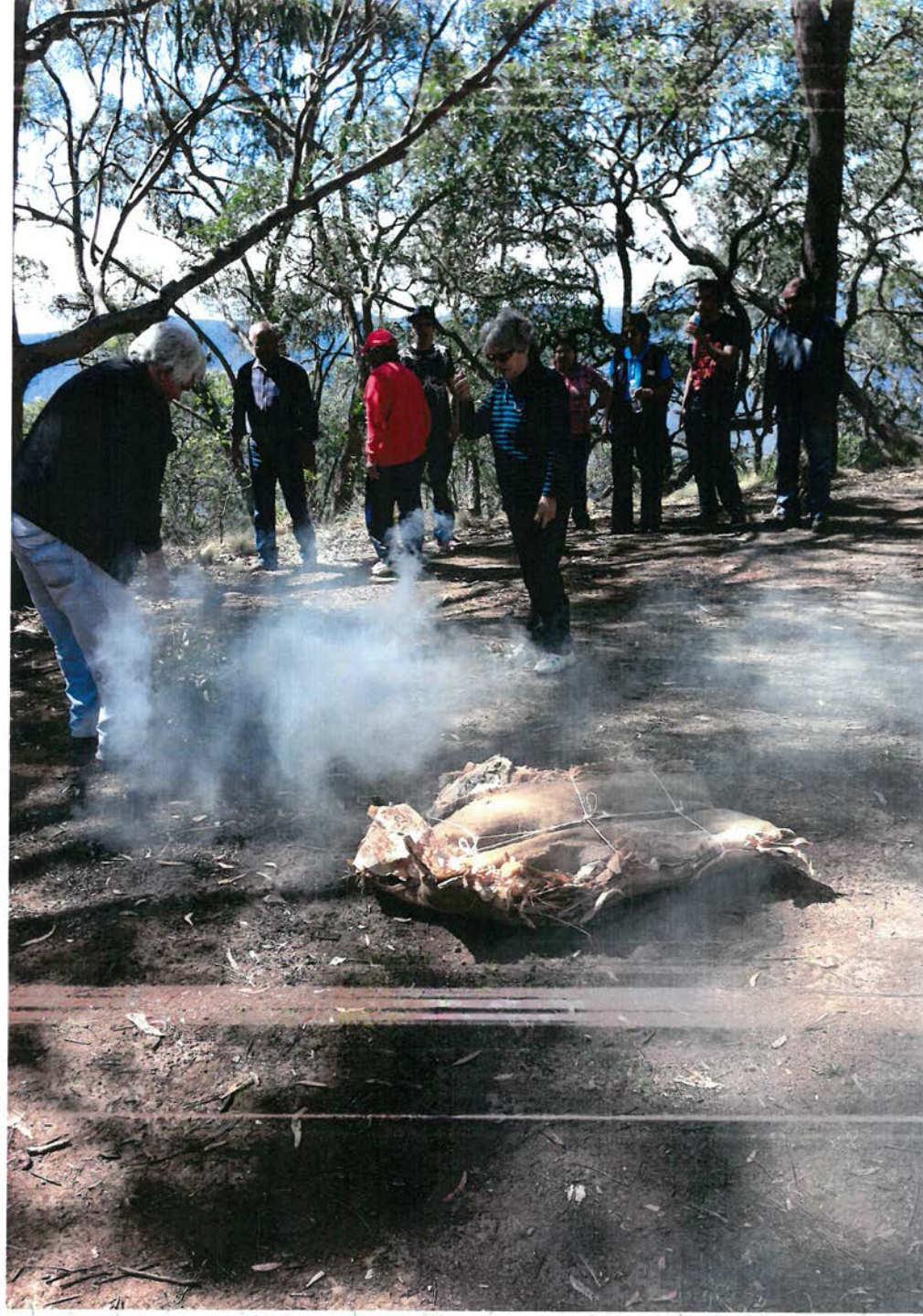












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**Sent:** Thursday, 18 June 2015 8:48 PM

**To:** 'admin@decac.com.au'; 'Grahame Quinlan'; 'CEO'

**Subject:** FW: Smoking Ceremony Invitation from Australian Ambassador Tuesday 30th June 2015 for Ms Kathrine Vella [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Hi All, hope everyone is well..

I hope you received the official invitation from the Ambassador today. You may have noticed the ceremony will take place at the Ambassador's residence now and not at the embassy as initially planned. I'll be in touch with you tomorrow so I can fill you in on progress to date.

Kath

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**From:** Lankford, Katrina [<mailto:Katrina.Lankford@dfat.gov.au>] **On Behalf Of** WHWH Social Secretary

**Sent:** Thursday, 18 June 2015 5:58 AM

**To:** Vella, Kathrine

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*The Ambassador of Australia*

*His Excellency the Honourable Kim Beazley AC and Ms Susie Annus*

*cordially invites you to a*

***Smoking Ceremony***

*to mark the return of Aboriginal ancestral remains to the*

*Dunghutti peoples of Kempsey, New South Wales*

*Please join us at the Ambassador's Residence for the ceremony to be followed by lunch*

*on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015*

*at 10.30am - 1.30pm*

*at the Residence of the Ambassador of Australia  
3120 Cleveland Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008*

*Dress: Business Attire / Traditional Dress*

