

dated 13 May 2001

Mr David Farrell
Chief Electoral Officer
Dear Sir

I am querying the objections to my enrolment on the basis that they are non specific objections. I find it problematic that such objections can be considered valid by you as they show extreme bias and uniform exclusivity to a small select group of Aboriginal people. These objections are not consistent with Tasmania's Aboriginal history, nor towards Tasmanian Aboriginality which has more than one Ancestry resulting in a number of lines of descent.

I lodge the following objections

Objection 1

This is so broad and non specific as to be invalid and prejudicial to any documentation that I supply. As no location of the objector is given then if that person resides in Bass Strait or any other location how am I supposed to respond to such an objection.

Objection 2

This is a blanket objection issued to a number of Lia Pootah Community members and members of other Communities. I find it discriminatory that I am expected to justify my Aboriginal Ancestry to the TAC. I am not and never have been a member of the TAC defined Aboriginal community. I have never claimed to be descended from any of their Ancestors, nor related to their members. As such I fail to see the relevance of justifying an Ancestry I have no claim to.

My documentation, that I have included, shows that my Aboriginality is no recent invention and that I have been known as being of Aboriginal descent since 1973, this is far longer than many currently claiming Aboriginality and accepted as being Aboriginal by the TAC. It also shows that I have been known and accepted as an Aboriginal to the TAC as I have worked within a number of well known Tasmanian Aboriginal organisations.

Considerable documentation shows that the majority of those now claiming Tasmanian Aboriginality were until recently (1990s) decrying their Aboriginality in favour of an Islander descent. There is documentation of these same so called Aboriginal people denying any Aboriginal Ancestry or alternatively claiming Ancestry from a variety of long dead Ancestors which history shows they could never have been related to.

My Ancestry is well documented and accepted by the Lia Pootah Community of which I am an initiated Elder.

Yours sincerely

Kaye McPherson