



Aboriginal Australian Women and Work: An Historical Context

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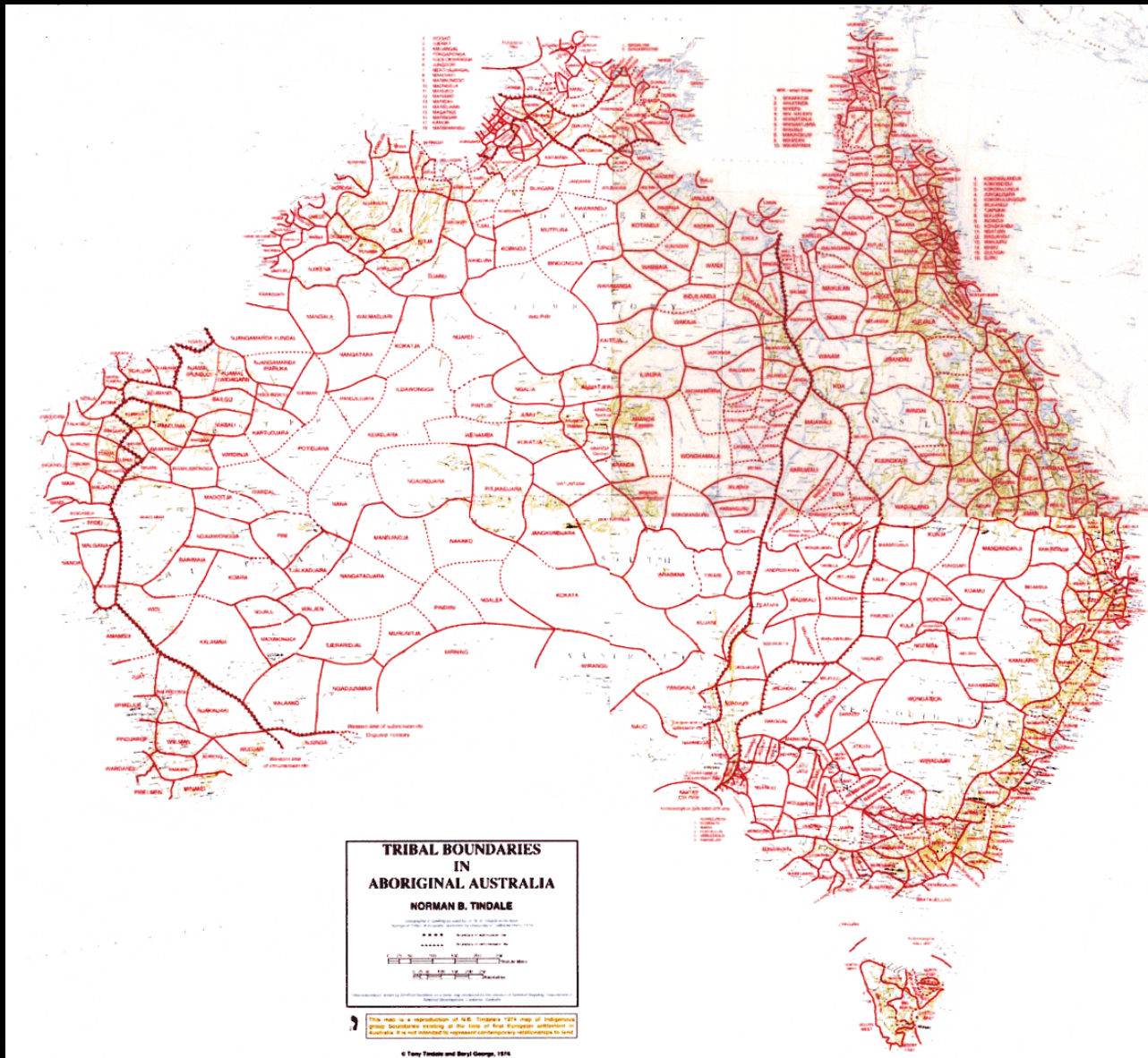
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Aboriginal Australian Tribal Boundaries



The Administration of Aboriginal Australians

Queensland Aboriginal peoples have lived under numerous Government policies since invasion in 1788.

Official and unofficial policies can be divided into six phases:

1. British invasion and settlement 1770–1824
2. Occupation and extermination 1824–1908
3. Protection and segregation 1873–1957
4. Assimilation 1957–1980
5. Self-determination 1980
6. Northern Territory Intervention 2007

Protection and Segregation

In 1897, the *Aboriginal Protection and Restriction of the Sale of Opium Act* was passed authorising the removal of Aboriginal people to reserves. Many Aboriginal peoples refer to this time as being 'under the Act'.



Banner made for the Australian Aborigines League, c. 1940s

Aboriginal Chief Protector

Aboriginal people lost British legal status and became wards of the state.

Conclusion

Acts of Parliament and government policies undeniably racist in intent and enactment.

We still fight for justice!

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