

AUSTRALIA SPEAKS



PILGRIMAGE TO CANBERRA, 9 SEPTEMBER 2019

UNITED LIBERATION MOVEMENT FOR WEST PAPUA SHIFTS ITS GAZE TO AUSTRALIA'S FEDERAL CAPITAL:

- ❖ TO HONOUR ITS DUTCH COLONIAL HERITAGE AT THE NETHERLANDS AUSTRALIA MEMORIAL
- ❖ TO ACKNOWLEDGE INDIGENOUS SOVEREIGNTY AT ABORIGINAL TENT EMBASSY
- ❖ TO PRESENT A PETITION TO POLITICIANS IN PARLIAMENT HOUSE



Speaking to Australia's political representatives



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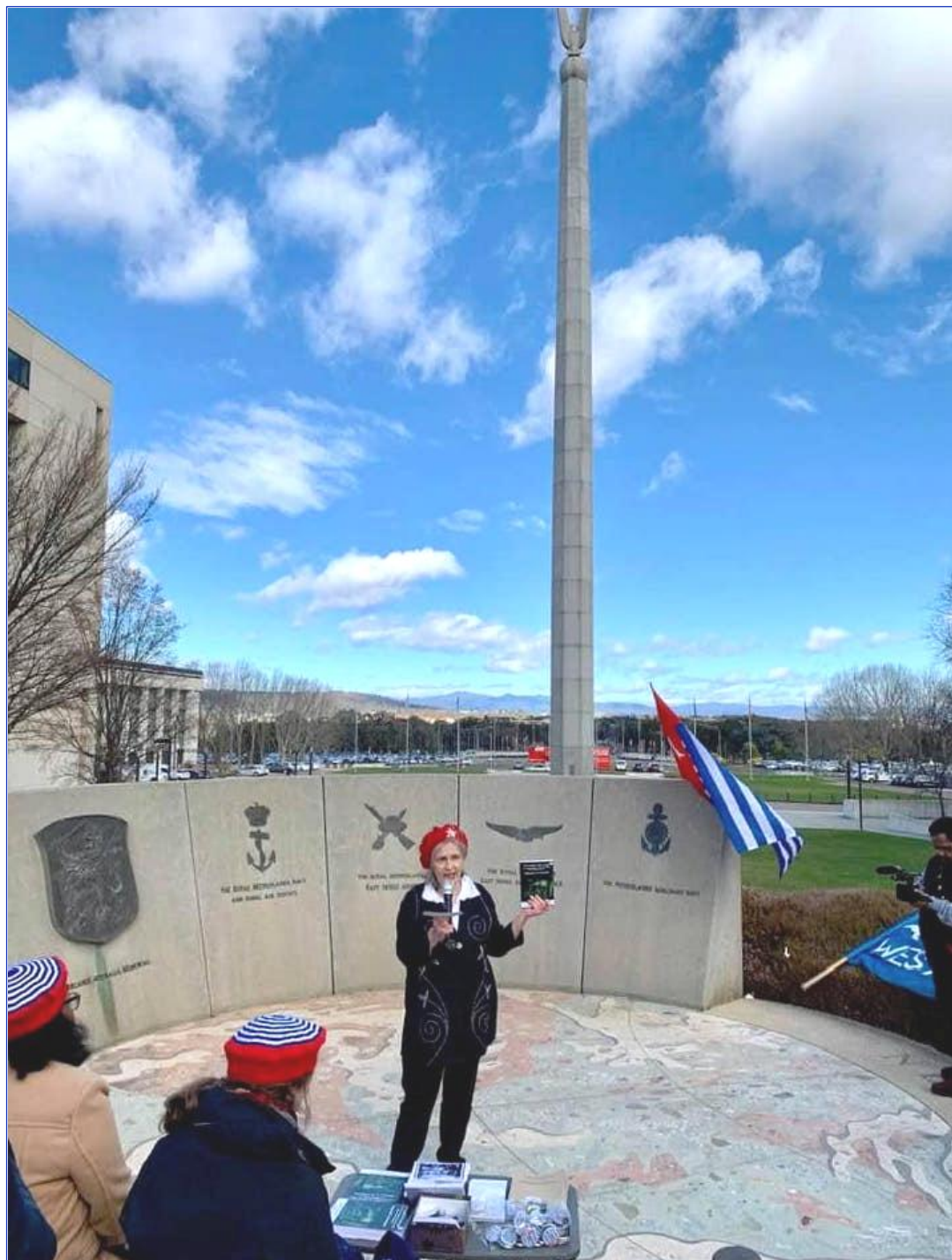
DFAIT Federal Republic of West Papua started this petition to Senator Richard Di Natale (Leader of the Australian Greens)

PETITION SPONSORS

- Federal Republic of West Papua (Docklands)
- Australia West Papua Assoc (Melbourne)
- West Papua Womens Office (Docklands)
- International League of Peoples' Struggle
- Communication Workers Union Victoria
- Construction, Forestry, Maritime, Mining & Energy Union, Victoria
- Maritime Union of Australia
- Yarra City Council, Richmond



Babuan Mirino, Australia West Papua Assoc (Melb); Federal Republic of West Papua Womens' Office (Docklands). Ceremony to honour the work and friendship of Dutch, Australians, and West Papuans during WWII at the Netherlands Australian War Memorial in Canberra on 9 September 2019. Image—Linda Duckham



above—Australian American War Memorial in Canberra on 15 September 1953. The 79-metre memorial dwarfs the elegant Netherlands Australia Memorial unveiled in 1991.

left—Louise Byrne (Australia West Papua Association—Melbourne) introducing *We fought in the jungle; the guerilla struggle in New Guinea during the Second World War*, which is Henri Licht's translation of Sergeant Maurits Kokkelink's *Wij vochten in het bos; de guerillastrijd op Nieuw-Guinea tijdens de Tweede Wereldoorlog*.

Image—Linda Duckham

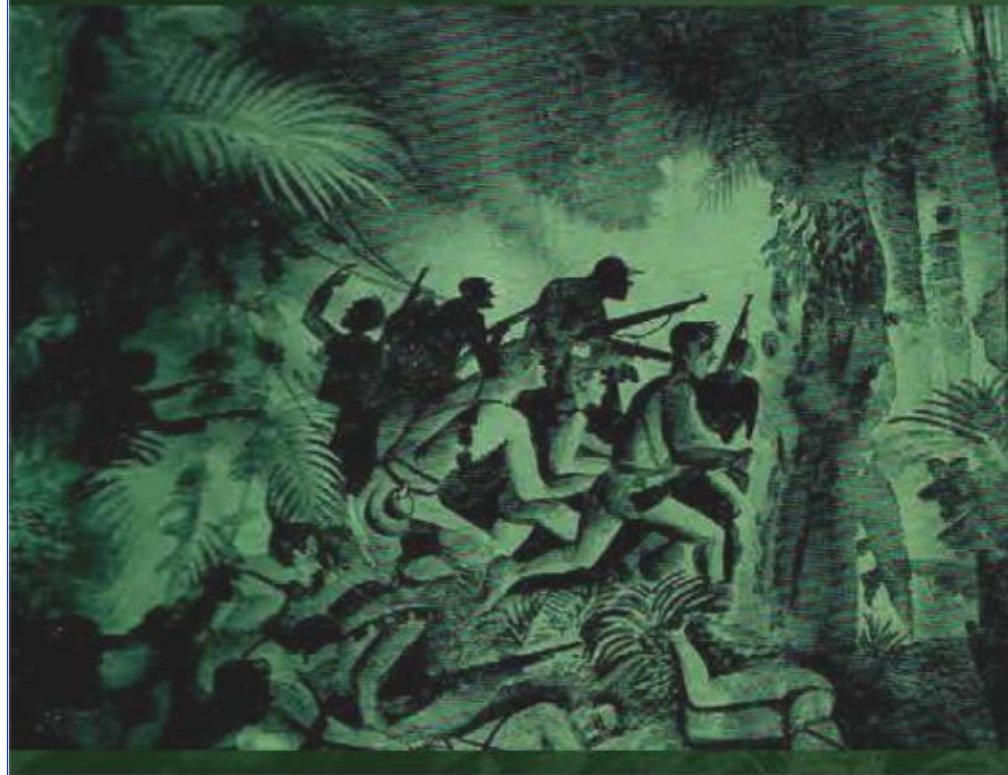


Henri Licht, the Dutch-Australian writer who translated Sergeant Kokkelink's memoir of WWII in West Papua. Netherlands Australia Memorial, Canberra, 9 September 2019. Image—Tommy Latupeirissa RMS

We Fought in the Jungle

My guerilla struggle in Dutch New Guinea
in the Second World War

Sergeant M. Ch. Kokkelink



English translation by
Henri Licht

The first English translation of a guerilla
fighter's memoir of WWII in West Papua

Published by West Papua Womens'
Office (Docklands) in August 2019

“This is certainly a story worth translating and reading.... Its principal lesson is the importance of attempting to avoid violent conflict. **The most effective way of making societies secure is to settle conflicts before they become violent.**”

Fortunately, the commitment of nation states and the United Nations to peaceful conflict resolution has strengthened greatly since the 1940s; and the capacity of many countries for diplomacy, and of the UN, and of peace-building non-government organisations for addressing conflict through mediation has grown substantially.”

Professor John Langmore

Director, UN Division for Social Policy and Development (1996-2001)
UN Representative, International Labour Organization (2001-2003)
Organised the 24th session of the UN General Assembly (2000)



Harold Wilkinson, United Nations Association of Australia, reading Professor John Langmore's review of *We fought in the jungle* by Henri Licht. Netherlands Australia Memorial, Canberra, 9 September 2019. Image—Linda Duckham



Henri Licht, with Pamela Collett (International League of Peoples' Struggle) and Rex Rumakiek (United Liberation Movement for West Papua). Netherlands Australia Memorial, 9 September 2019. Image—Tommy Latupeirissa RMS

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Dear Mrs Mirino,

Thank you for your letter of 7 August in which you write to His Majesty King Willem-Alexander about the first English translation of the book *Wij vochten in het bos. De guerrillastrijd op Nieuw-Guinea tijdens de Tweede Wereldoorlog* by Sergeant Maurits Kokkelink.

It was most considerate of you to inform the King about the publication of the book and for taking the trouble to send him a copy of it prior to the Dutch Australian memorial to be held on 9 September. This was much appreciated and I thank you, on behalf of the King, for this kind gesture.

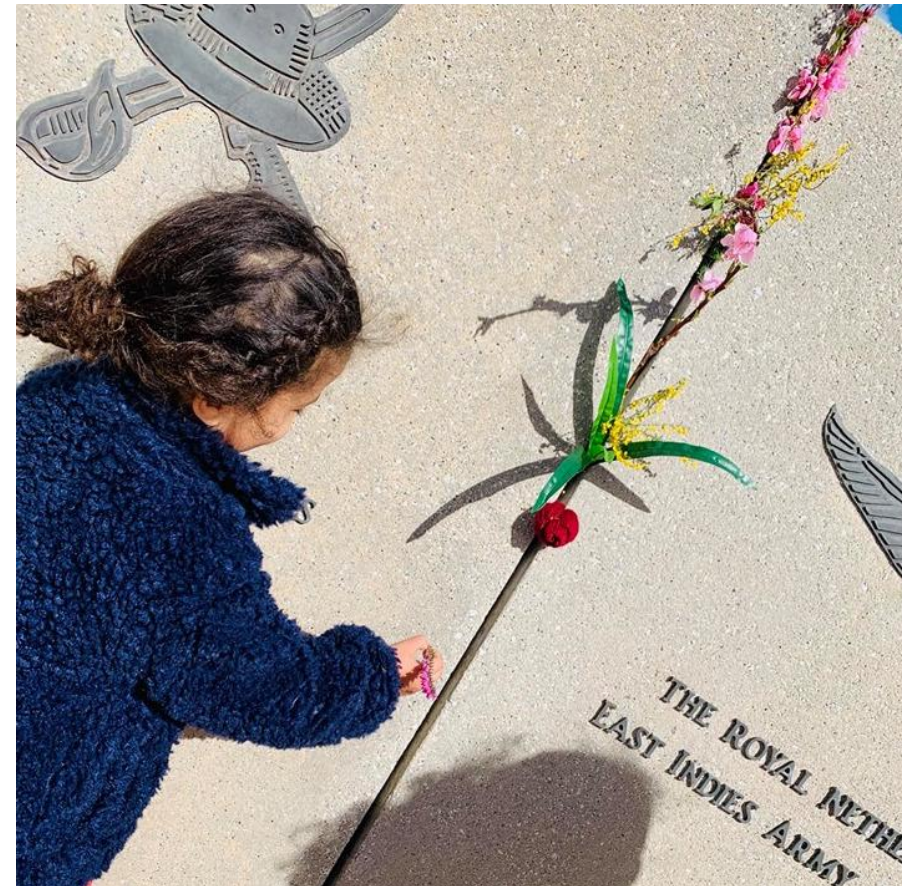
Yours sincerely,

Jan C. Snoek
Personal Advisor to
His Majesty the King and
Her Majesty the Queen
of the Netherlands

left—King Willem-Alexander's response to the first English translation of Maurits Kokkelink's WWII memoir *We fought in the jungle; the guerilla struggle in Dutch New Guinea in the Second World War*.

In 1945, King Willem's mother, Queen Beatrix, awarded Kokkelink the Militaire Willems-Orde, the highest and oldest Dutch military honour.

below—Netherlands Australia Memorial 09/09/19
Image—Dianne Kinnell





Singing the petition through Canberra, from Netherlands Australia Memorial, across Lake Burley Griffin, to the Aboriginal Tent Embassy, and then Parliament House, 9 September 2019. Image—Linda Duckham





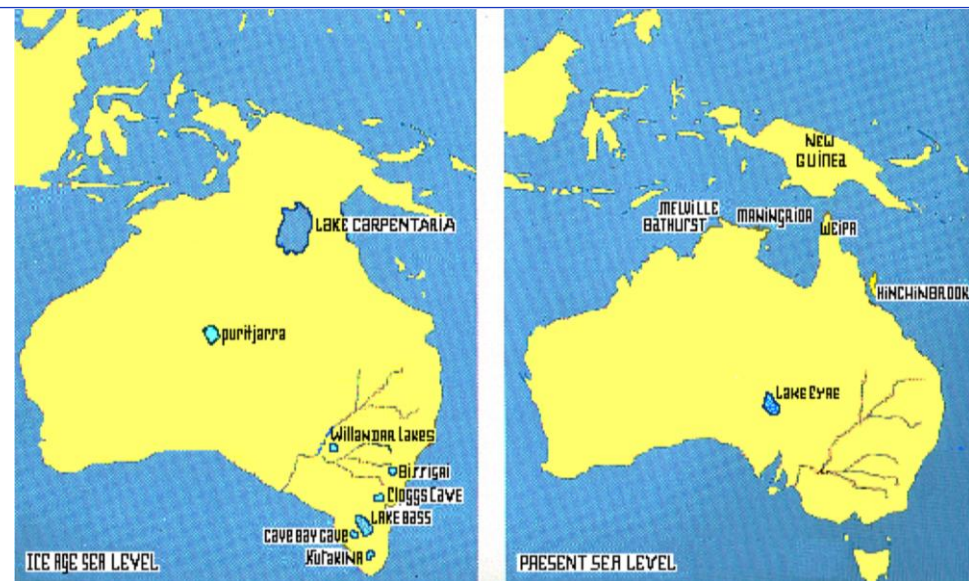




Acknowledging Indigenous Sovereignty at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra, 9 September 2019
United Liberation Movement for West Papua (JACOB RUMBIAK, RONNY KARENI), Federal Republic of West Papua
Womens Office (BABUAN MIRINO), Republic of South Maluku (TOMMY LATUPEIRISSA). Image—Linda Duckham



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Australia and New Guinea are one landmass, separated by rising seas (Torres' Strait) at the end of the last Ice Age six to ten-thousand years ago. Alan Thorne, Robert Raymond *Man on the rim-the people of the Pacific* Angus & Robertson (1989).



UNITED LIBERATION MOVEMENT FOR WEST PAPUA (Jacob Rumbiak, Ronny Kareni)
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF WEST PAPUA WOMENS' OFFICE, AUSTRALIA WEST PAPUA ASSOC-MELB (Babuan Mirino)
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF WEST PAPUA (Alfonse Adadikam, Amos Wainggai, Anton Rumbiak)
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH MALUKU (Tommy Latupeirissa). Image: Linda Duckham



“... running from the heart of darkness, standing on sacred ground...” from ‘Solid Rock (Sacred Ground)’ by Shane Howard, Recorded by Goanna in 1982. Image—Linda Duckham









**PARLIAMENT HOUSE
CANBERRA 9/9/19**

Jacob Rumbiak SPOKESPERSON
UNITED LIBERATION MOVEMENT
FOR WEST PAPUA

Len Cooper CHAIRMAN
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE OF
PEOPLES' STRUGGLE

Nadine Rutter
PETITION ORGANISER

**Alfons Adadikam & Amos
Wainggai** CARRYING PETITION



Image—Tommy Latupeirissa RMS





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ULMWP Media Conference to present Federal Republic of West Papua petition to Australian politicians
Courtyard 28K, Parliament House, Canberra, 9 September 2019.



Jacob Rumbiak passes the petitions to Senator Richard di Natale and Andrew Wilkie MP. Image—Linda Duckham

MEDIA CONFERENCE

Erwin Bleskadit from 3CR Radio Voice of West Papua asked the politicians “What happens to us Papuans if Australia doesn’t support motions at the UN?”

Andrew Wilkie replied: “I want to acknowledge:

- Indonesia’s invasion in the early 1960s
- Indonesia rigging the vote in 1969
- Half-a-million West Papuans have perished at the hands of the Indonesian security services
- The United Nations gave its blessing to the vote in the 1960s, and Australia has been largely silent since.

“It is shameful that we have been silent, although witness, to the misconduct of the Indonesian government and their security services. I hope that, as we eventually did with East Timor, we will come to our senses and the Australian Government will have the strength to call it an invasion and a slow genocide. Because it is clearly Indonesia’s intention to rid West Papua of West Papuans and make the territory their own. This is a very positive step today; as was the Pacific Islands Forum resolution last month.”

Len Cooper INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE OF PEOPLES’ STRUGGLE

Andrew Wilkie INDEPENDENT MP, AND FORMER DEFENSE FORCE INTELLIGENCE ANALYST

Senator Richard di Natale LEADER, AUSTRALIAN GREENS

Jacob Rumbiak UNITED LIBERATION MOVEMENT FOR WEST PAPUA

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Media: Monday 9 September 2019

Thousands of Australians call on the Australian Government to support an independence referendum in West Papua

MEDIA CONFERENCE

Jacob Rumbiak, United Liberation Movement for West Papua
Len Cooper, Chair, International League of People's Struggle

Courtyard 28K, Parliament House, Canberra
MONDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2019 : 12.30-1pm

Today thousands of Australians join with the thousands of West Papuans who in recent weeks have taken to the streets demonstrating against racist abuse, calling for the UN to be allowed access to West Papua and asking for a supervised referendum on independence.

"The people who signed this petition understand that the root cause of the uprising in West Papua is the fact that Indonesia is illegally occupying West Papua. For 57 years West Papuans have maintained their struggle for self determination" said Len Cooper, Chairman of the International League of People's Struggle, one of the sponsors of the petition.

"Legally West Papua still has the right to self-determination under international law. We ask for a free and democratic referendum, supervised by the international community, so that we are able to determine our own destiny" said Jacob Rumbiak the Spokesman for the United Liberation Movement for West Papua.

In recent days the United Nations Human Rights Commissioner has sounded the alarm over the escalation in human rights abuses in West Papua.

"As our people exercise their rights to free speech, as they call for a referendum on independence, some of them have been killed" stated Rumbiak. "Australia, as a member of the Pacific Islands Forum has asked, alongside other Pacific leaders, for United Nations Human Rights Commissioner access to West Papua. This access is urgently needed."

"Alongside the thousands of Australians who signed this petition, we call on the Australian government to support all motions at the United Nations that allow for UN access to the region, and for a free independent referendum to take place".

During the Press Conference the petitions are handed to Ged Kearney MP, Andrew Wilkie MP, and Senator Richard di Natale, who is tabling them in the Senate at 3.30pm. The petitions are then flown to New York for the opening of the UN General Assembly on 17 September.

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“Australia—as a member of the Pacific Islands Forum—has asked, alongside other Pacific leaders, for UN access to West Papua. This is urgently needed”

“Friends, please urge the Australian government to support motions by the Pacific Islands Forum and the African Caribbean Pacific Group at the UN General Assembly”

JACOB RUMBIK, ULMWP SPOKESPERSON
PARLIAMENT HOUSE, CANBERRA, 9/9/2019



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Henri Licht invites Australian politicians—Andrew Wilkie, and Green Senators Richard di Natale and Janet Rice—to encourage the Netherlands Ambassador to re-engage with West Papua.

Between 1950 and 1962 West Papua was a Non-Self-Governing Territory administered by the Netherlands under the authority of the United Nations. When Indonesia declared war on the territory on 19 December 1961, the UN displaced the Netherlands' well-managed well-funded administration with an Indonesian administration (New York Agreement 1962—1969).



Parliament House, 9 September 2019
Dianne Killen (Papua New Guinea) and
Jacob Rumbiak (West Papua)

PNG Prime Minister James Marape's support of the Pacific Island Forum (PIF) resolution in 2019 to **address the root cause of the conflict in West Papua** was for the indigenous Melanesians of both New Guinea nations a welcome change in PNG policy. Previous PIF resolutions have done no more than urge constructive dialogue with Indonesia.

“This is the first time the PNG Government has supported a resolution” (Benny Wenda, ULMWP Chair and representative at the Pacific Islands Forum).

Jakarta had warned that including West Papua on the agenda for the PIF Leaders' Summit in Tuvalu set a precedent for interference in domestic affairs

“Developments in Papua and West Papua provinces are purely Indonesia's internal affairs. No other country, organisation or individual has the right to interfere. We firmly oppose the intervention of Indonesia's internal affairs.” (Ben Doherty, The Guardian, 12 August 2019)

After the Media Conference Senator di Natale tabled the FRWP Petition in the Australian Senate.

Three days later Nadine Rutter presented the petition to Herman Wainggai (ULMWP Representative at the UN) in the United Nations Headquarters in New York.



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PETITIONS

West Papua

Senator DI NATALE (Victoria—Leader of the Australian Greens) (19:31): by leave—I table a nonconforming petition relating to West Papua. Many thousands of decent Australians have called on the Australian government to support consideration of West Papuan self-determination at the UN. We know what's going on at the moment within West Papua. We have seen people being attacked and brutalised and, indeed, we hear now from human rights monitors that there have been up to 10 deaths. We know that this is part of a slow-rolling genocide in that region. For decades the West Papuan people have endured major human rights abuses. They've been denied their right to self-determination, and of course in the last few weeks things have become absolutely critical. The footage that's emerged from West Papua shows the Indonesian militia racially abusing the people of West Papua. As I said, there have been horrendous attacks. People have been incarcerated, detained or charged with treason simply for flying the Morning Star flag. They've shut down all communications in West Papua, they've attacked student dormitories and we are seeing these tragic deaths.

It is so critical that the Australian government now make a very clear statement in support of the West Papuan community, in particular supporting the resolution that came out of the Pacific Islands Forum ensuring that the UN are given access to West Papua. They deserve a free and fair referendum. The UN should consider the matter urgently. Again, we should stand up for the human rights of our West Papuan neighbours. We saw Australia delay taking action for decades when it came to the human rights abuses going on in East Timor. Let's not repeat the same mistake again. Let's stand up for the right of the West Papuan people to determine their own future. Let's stand up with the many thousands of Australians who have signed this petition.



Nadine Rutter presenting the FRWP Petition to Herman Waingai (ULMWP Representative at the UN) at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 12 September 2019. Image—Michael Toy