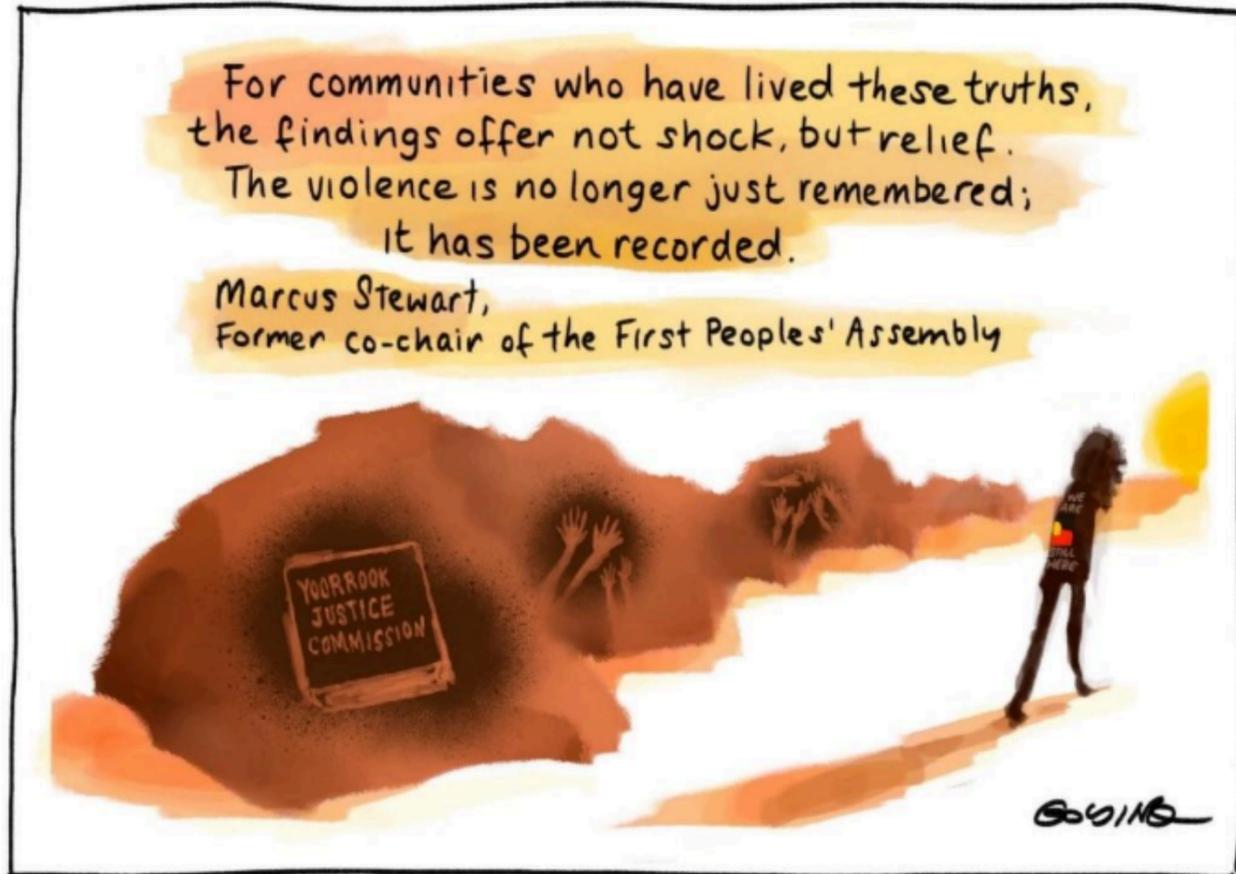


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the findings offer not shock, but relief.  
The violence is no longer just remembered;  
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Marcus Stewart,  
Former co-chair of the First Peoples' Assembly





**Matt Golding**

**History - Markings**

Nine Papers, 9 July 2025

Established in 2021, the Yoorrook Justice Commission was Australia's first formal Indigenous-led truth-telling inquiry into the historical and ongoing injustices faced by First Nations people in Victoria. The inquiry received thousands of submissions and testimonies. Its final reports, released in July 2025, documented the injustices and made 100 recommendations for reform.

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**Kamsani Bin Salleh (Kambarni)**

***Tough on Children***

Instagram, 30 August 2024

*Kamsani Bin Salleh is descended from the Nimunburr, Bunuba and Yawuru peoples of the Kimberley region of Western Australia and from the Ballardong Noongar people of the Perth region. Bin Salleh's distressing cartoon suggests that racial profiling of First Nations children by police begins at birth. He also challenges the idea that all Australians are born totally free and in control of their own destinies*

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Glen Le Lievre

*Ears On*

Patreon, 2 August 2022

*In late July Prime Minister Anthony Albanese attended the Garma Festival in East Arnhem Land. It was the first time the festival had been held since 2019, after it had twice been cancelled owing to COVID-19. While there, he announced his government's intention to enshrine a 'First Nations Voice to Parliament' in the Australian Constitution. His announcement came five years after the Uluru Statement from the Heart first called for the establishment of such a Voice.*

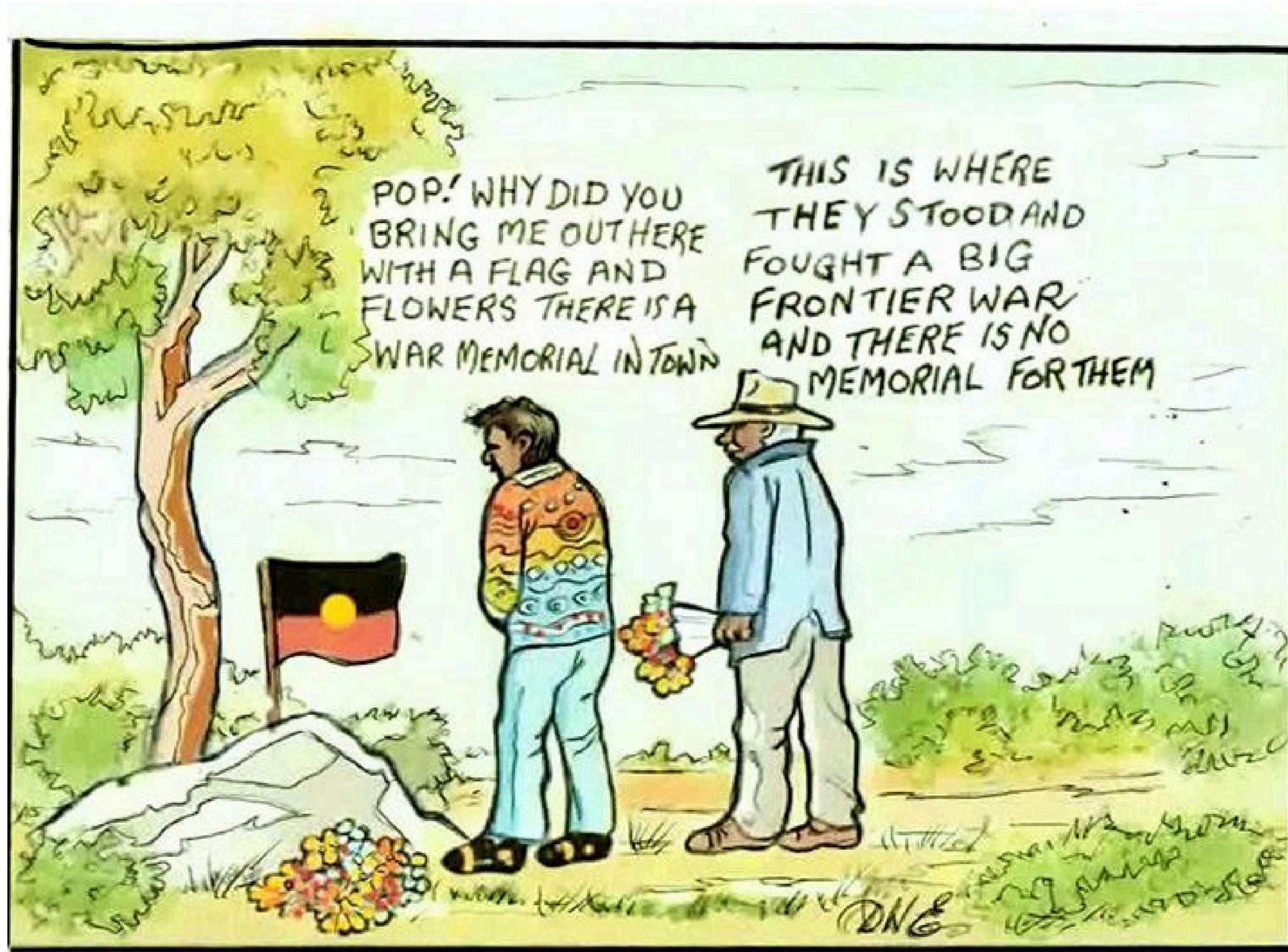
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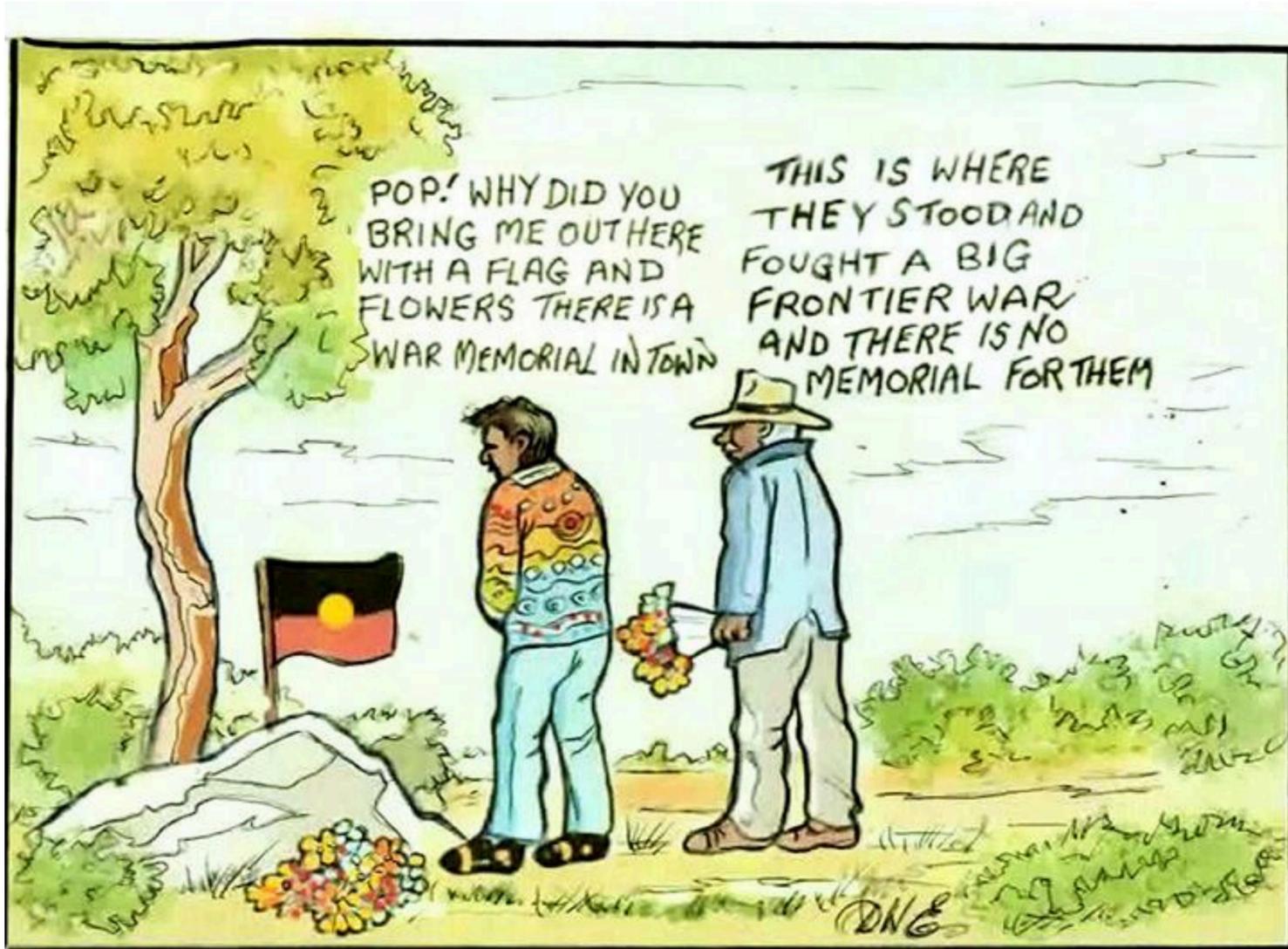
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Danny Eastwood

*Frontier Wars*

Koori Mail, 3 May 2023

*Danny Eastwood points out that those wishing to mourn First Nations people who died fighting in frontier wars during the colonial era, and to learn about this history, are currently unable to see a dedicated display about these key conflicts in the Australian War Memorial. In 2023 the new chair of the Memorial's board, the Hon Kim Beazley AC, said it was 'enormously important' to include a display about frontier wars in the Memorial's current \$550-million renovation project.*

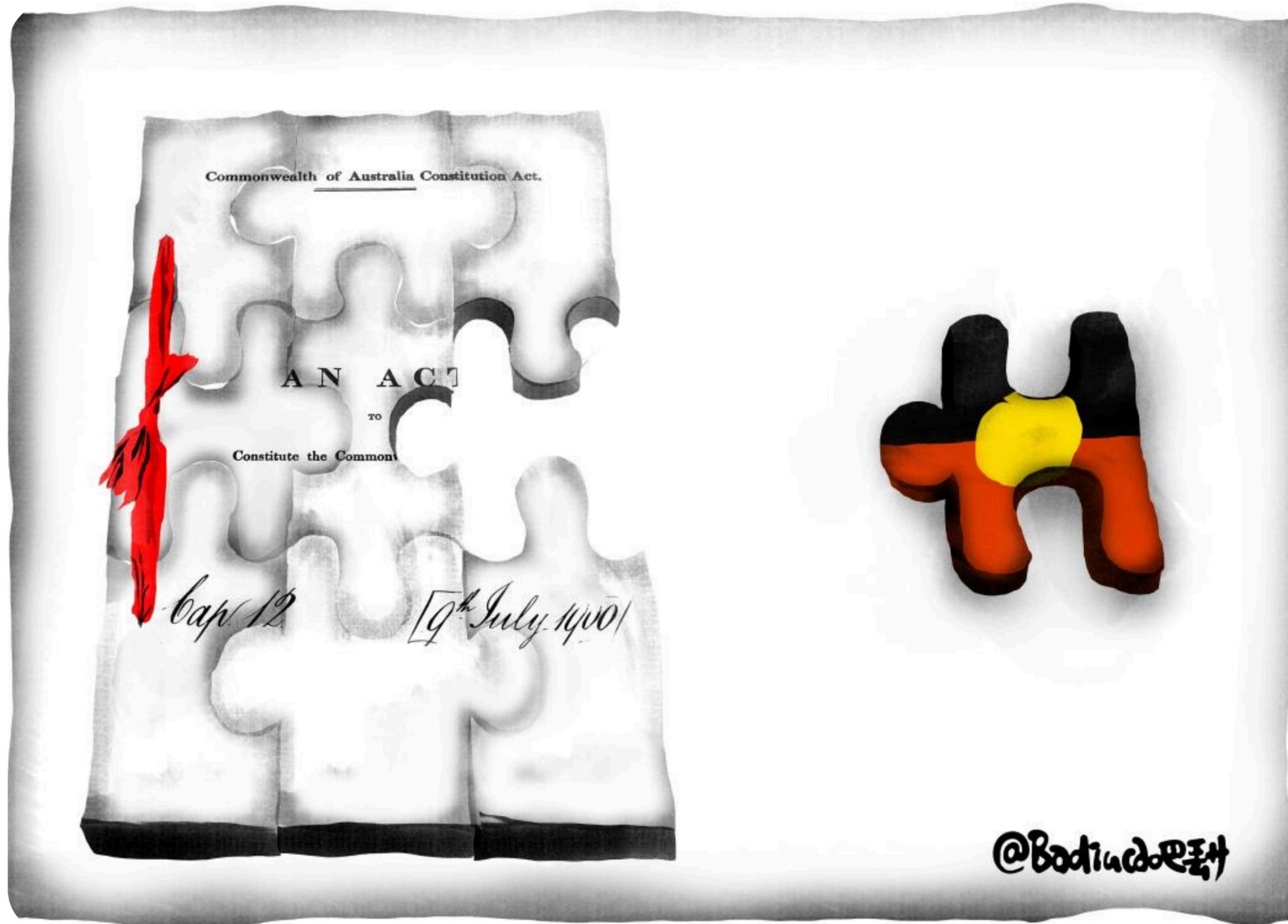
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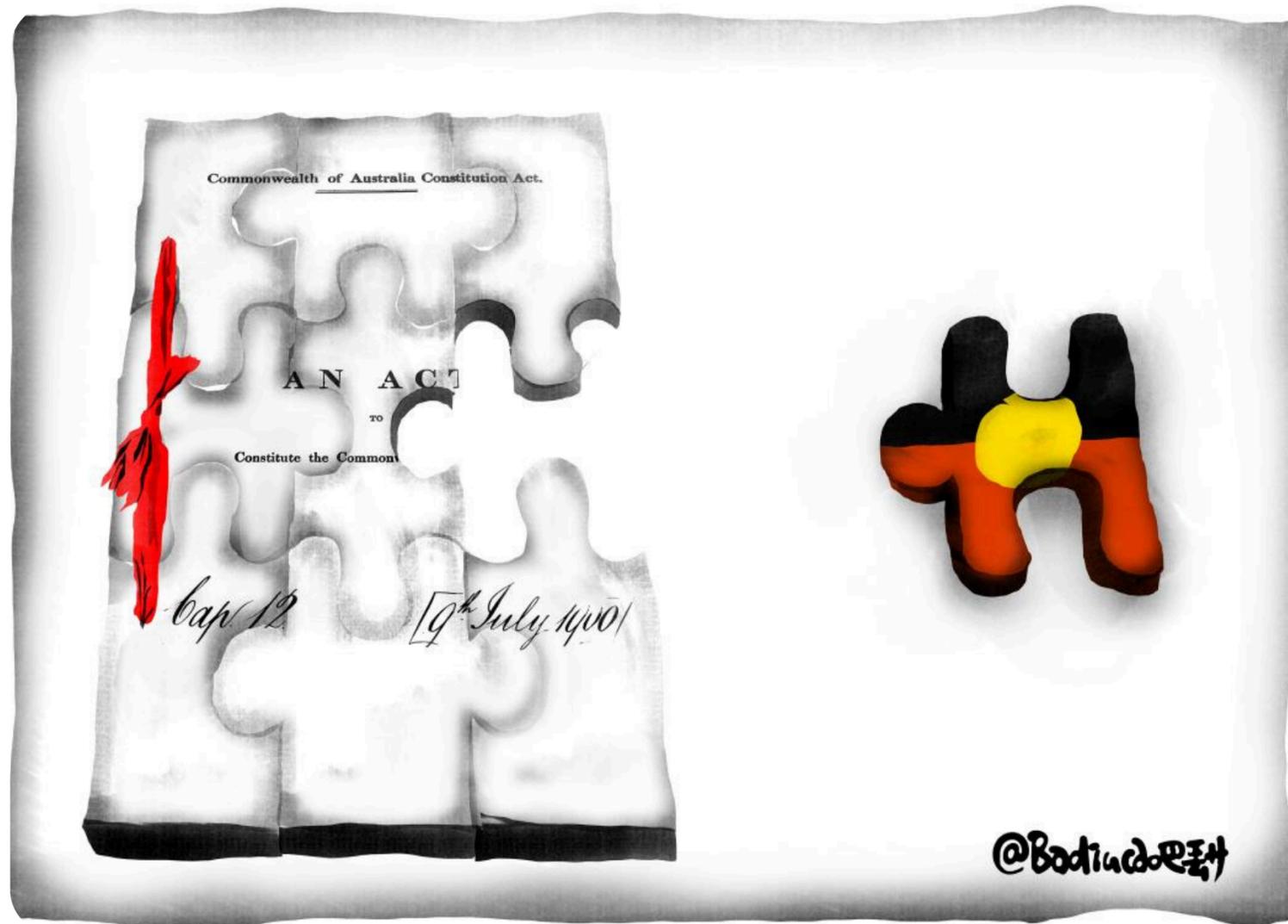
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@Bodindobu



*Historically, it has been very difficult to change the Australian Constitution. Out of 44 referendums held to date, only eight have passed. In order to enshrine a 'First Nations Voice to Parliament' in the Constitution, a majority of people in a majority of states would have to vote 'Yes'. Behind the Lines 2022*

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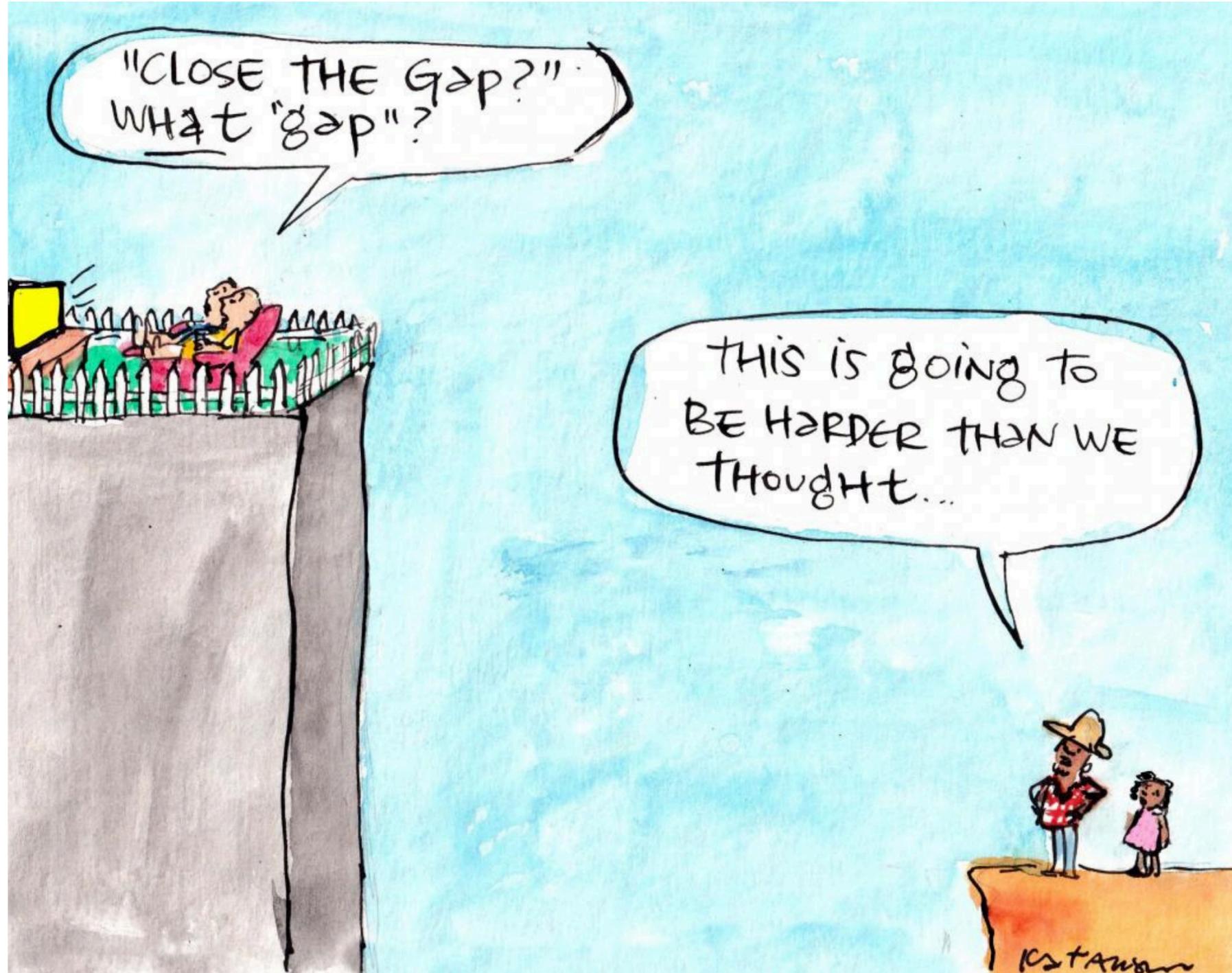
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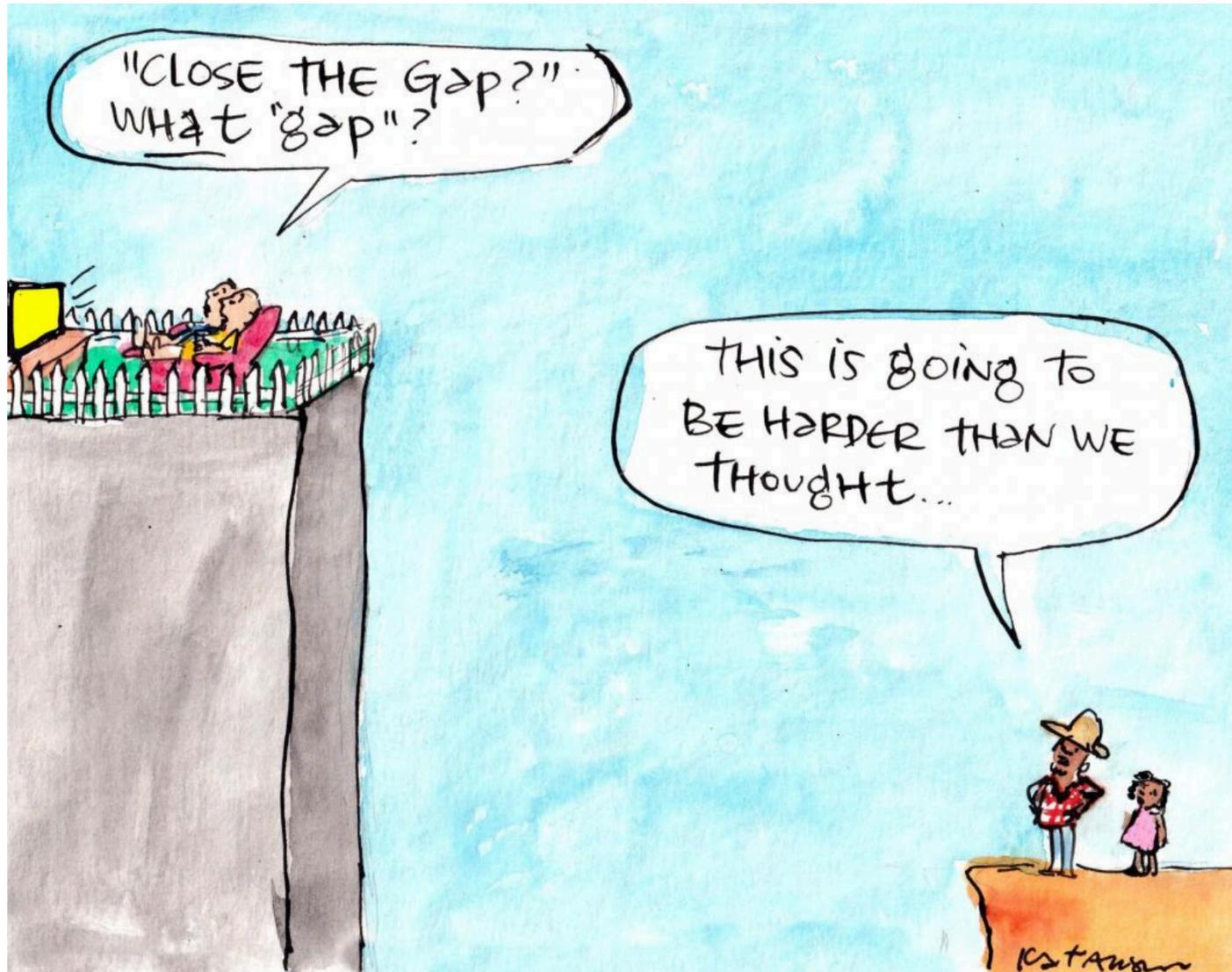
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**Badiucao**

**Voice**

The Sydney Morning Herald, The Age, 1 August 2022





Fiona Katauskas

*The Ignorance Gap*

Eureka Street, 1 February 2012

*Year after year, one event in particular has generated some of the most impactful cartoons: the government's annual release of the Closing the Gap Report. This cartoon was selected by Amy McQuire, a Darumbal and South Sea Islander journalist, who has reported extensively on the lack of meaningful progress detailed in these reports.*

Behind the Lines 2020

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**Johannes Leak**

**Rock Bottom**

The Australian, 15 February 2024

In February the Australian Government's Productivity Commission released the latest data on progress on Closing the Gap, the national strategy that aims to reduce First Nations disadvantage. The data showed that only five of the strategy's 19 targets were on track to be met by 2031. Johannes Leak's cartoon was published in the same month, reminding readers of the government's failed 'Yes' campaign for an Indigenous voice to parliament in late 2023, and suggesting it was substitute for real action.

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**Jess Harwood**

*Podcasts vs Justice*

Instagram/Bluesky/Facebook, 8 July 2025

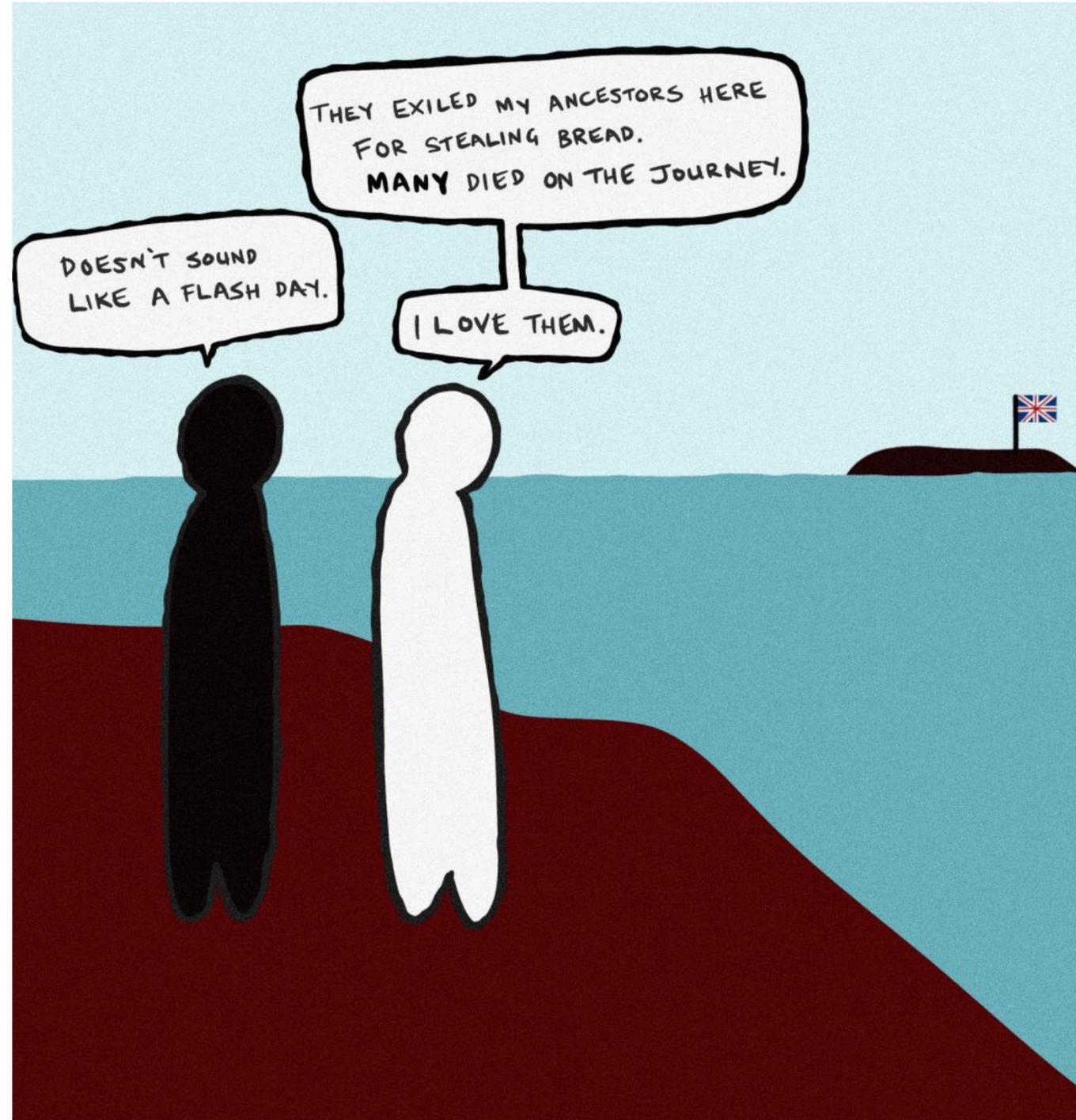
The mushroom murder trial of Erin Patterson spawned at least five dedicated podcasts and countless news reports. Around the same time, there was a coronial inquest into the death of Kumanjayi Walker, a Warlpiri man who was shot and killed by police while resisting arrest in the remote Aboriginal community of Yuendumu, Northern Territory. The inquest found that Walker's death was 'avoidable' and should not have happened.

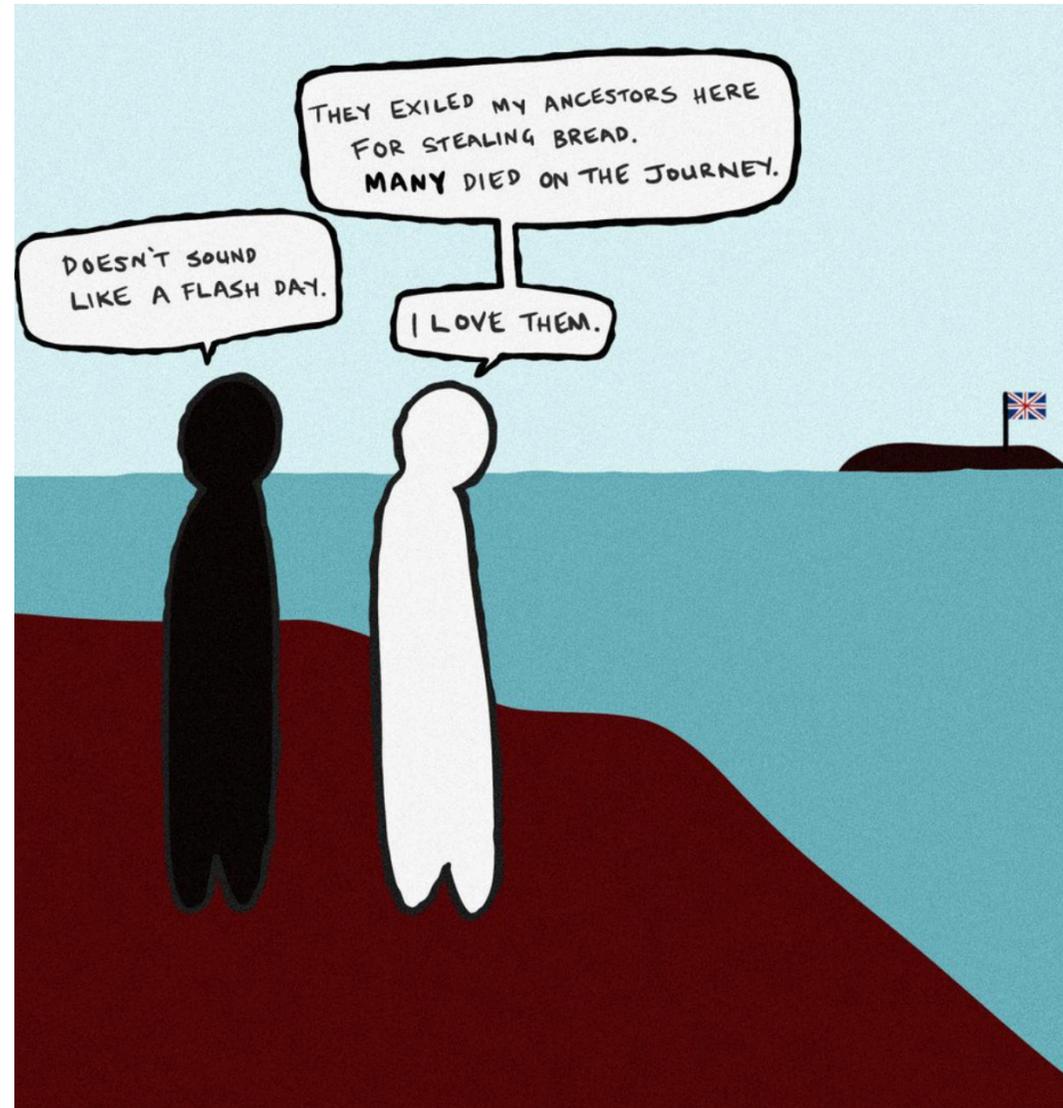
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**Kamsani Bin Salleh**

***Nullians Ep 16***

Self-Published, 11 September 2022

*Wiradjuri woman Linda Burney, Minister for Indigenous Australians, told the House of Representatives that the period of mourning for Queen Elizabeth II had been a 'difficult and painful reminder of the impact of colonisation' for many First Nations people. Governor-General David Hurley also acknowledged that the Queen's death had sparked 'different reactions' and that reconciliation was 'a journey we as a nation must complete'.*

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