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Dear Mr. Thomas,

**RE: USE OF THE ABORIGINAL FLAG**

My name is Gordon Craven and I publish the WAM Report at <http://WAM.Report>. On behalf of that report I make inquiry to you regarding the following matters.

I have been informed by the belief of reliable sources and from my own investigations into your *obligations* to the Aboriginal community that understand it to be a fact, that your Licensing Agreement for use of your copyright of the Aboriginal Flag to WAM Clothing Pty Ltd (WAM), should honour your *obligations* by containing a term that Australian Aboriginal not for profit organisations can make use of the copyrighted Flag, free of royalty payments.

It has been widely reported that the *Indigenous Wellbeing Centre* (IWC) at Bundaberg QLD, being a non-government Aboriginal community registered **charity** for the benefit of the Aboriginal people, has been required to make a royalty payment of \$2,000 plus GST for its use of the Flag, by way of a Cease & Desist letter from your WAM licensee.

As such, I invite YOU to respond (not WAM lawyers), to the following questions:

1. Why you allow what appears as a contravention of your *obligations* and what should be in the Licensing Agreement, by way of WAM demanding royalty payment from the IWC **charity** ?
2. Given that your widely stated purposes of the Flag amongst other things, was to;
  - (a) *be the flag of the Aboriginal people of Australia; and*
  - (b) *belong to the Aboriginal people of Australia; and*
  - (c) *unite the Aboriginal people of Australia;*why do you allow your WAM licensee to serially send out threatening Cease & Desist letters to genuine Aboriginal businesses, and others such as Australia's major football codes that promote the Flag thus generating unity and pride, demanding that royalty payments be paid for use of the Flag, which causes (as you must be aware) severe disruption to your intended purposes of the Flag ?

I look forward to, and thank you in advance for your response.

Yours faithfully



Gordon Craven

C.C. <http://aboriginalflag.clothing/HAROLD-THOMAS-LETTER.pdf>