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NEW SECOND LEVEL DOMAINS IN THE AUSTRALIAN DNS:
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I fully support all of the arguments contained in the submission forwarded by Andrew Normand Web manager, Swinburne University of Technology.

Recognition of Indigenous Australians as the first nation peoples of Australia is a vital step in the Reconciliation Process. I disagree entirely with the submission forwarded by Lee Hamilton (23/5/'01) whose essentially homophobic arguments fail to recognise the important symbolic impact of introducing a new 2LD that recognises the special status held by the Indigenous peoples of Australia within this nation (au).

Lee's example of ethnic based separation based on the behaviour and position of migrant peoples such as Serbians and Croatians is totally irrelevant to this particular submission.

A new 2LD recognising Indigenous rights has the potential to act as the 1967 Constitutional referendum did in providing symbolic recognition of the rights of Indigenous Australians (it did not grant citizenship right as many voters imagined). It represents a further step in the move from the welfare/dependency paradigm that currently dogs government policy and administration to a rights/entitlements paradigm. Symbolic steps are an important stage in this process