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Homelands and Homelessness: Amnesty International Panel Discussion

A top of array of high profile speakers will gather at NSW Parliament House this month for Amnesty International's *Homelands and Homelessness* night.

Hosted by Amnesty International Australia's Central Coast Group, the night will feature a screening of Australian documentary film *Our Generation*, which explores the Australian Aboriginal struggle for their land, culture and freedom, followed by a panel discussion.

An expert panel of activists, campaigners and academics will discuss the human rights problems experienced by Indigenous persons living in remote Homelands and the 105,000 homeless people currently struggling to survive in Australia.

Joining the panel will be Amnesty International's Campaign Coordinator on Indigenous Peoples Rights, Sarah Marland and Chancellor of Southern Cross University and former NSW Attorney General, John Dowd.

For over three years, Amnesty International has partnered with the Alyawarr and Anmatyerr communities of Utopia Homelands, in the Northern Territory, to develop our report: "[The land holds us: 'Aboriginal Peoples' right to traditional homelands in the Northern Territory](#)".

The Homelands are home to around a third of the Aboriginal population of the Northern Territory," said Amnesty International's Campaign Coordinator on Indigenous Peoples Rights, Sarah Marland.

"For Aboriginal Peoples of Australia, this connection to traditional lands or 'country' is of central importance to Aboriginal identity and culture.

"However, the vast majority of government spending in the Northern Territory continues to only be allocated to people living in Growth Towns, which means that some 500 homelands communities are almost completely missing out.

Event Details:

What: *Homelands and Homelessness – Amnesty International Panel Discussion*
Where: NSW Parliament House Theatre and Jubilee Room, 6 Macquarie St, Sydney
When: Tuesday 23 October, 6:30pm

All attendees will receive an Amnesty International show bag

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