

MEDIA STATEMENT



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ANTaR pays tribute to Pete Postlethwaite's support for Aboriginal reconciliation

ANTaR wishes to add its voice to the many tributes being paid to Pete Postlethwaite following the death of the British actor.

Pete Postlethwaite's career achievements are many. But we at ANTaR will always be grateful for the role he played in the powerful and moving documentary "*Liyarn Ngarn*".

Pete Postlethwaite's support for and participation in this film played a crucial role in highlighting the injustices and pain still being experienced by so many Aboriginal Australians.

The documentary, which features Pete Postlethwaite, Patrick Dodson and singer Archie Roach, is an enduring testament to the power of healing and the necessity for true and lasting reconciliation.

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Note: *Liyarn Ngarn* (*pronounced Lee-yarn Nyarn*) in the Yawuru language of the West Kimberly region around Broome in Australia's far north-west, means "Coming Together of the Spirit". A DVD of the film is available through ANTaR. All profits from the sale of the DVD go to the Lingiari Foundation. (see http://www.antar.org.au/shop/sound_vision)

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