



# AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### **Aboriginal People Threatened with Closure of their Homelands**

The Australian Catholic Bishops express their deep concern for Aboriginal peoples threatened with the closure of their remote homeland villages in Western Australia.

This is a time for Federal and State Governments to pursue meaningful consultation with those affected.

Our governments need to exercise restraint and compassion for the first peoples of this country who enjoy a spiritual affinity with their traditional lands.

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Chair of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Commission for Relations with Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders and Bishop of Broome Christopher Saunders is available as a spokesman on this issue.