

# Natives' Labor vote call rapped

A call by an Aborigines' organisation to have natives vote for the Labor Party in Saturday's Senate election was attacked by a prominent native leader yesterday.

Mr. David Anderson, a member of the State Aborigines' Advisory Council, said he was afraid the group, the National Tribal Council for Aborigines and Islanders, was becoming "irresponsibly political".

The council has distributed pamphlets throughout Australia telling natives to vote for the ALP, because Labor candidates support land rights for Aborigines.

Mr. Anderson said the record showed Labor was no more enlightened than the Liberal Party. This was particularly apparent in South Australia, where there is a Labor government.

"The genocide has continued and is continuing there under the Labor Party," Mr. Anderson said.

Mr. Anderson said he opposed any support for any of the parties contesting the election. He believed the majority of the people working in Aboriginal affairs in Victoria supported him.

Despite the fact that they had won government in SA, Labor had refused to give land rights to native people throughout the State.

"Yet they are far more dinkum than the Federal party," he said.

"They only seem to have a policy of spreading confusion."

Mr. Anderson said requests he had made for help from Federal Labor members had been ignored. The party had shown, with the exception of one or two members, they were no more interested in Aboriginal affairs than the Liberals.

The election should be judged not just on the issue of Aboriginal affairs but on all other matters as well.



Mr. Anderson

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