

UNCLE PABAI AND UNCLE PAUL

FIGHTING TO SAVE

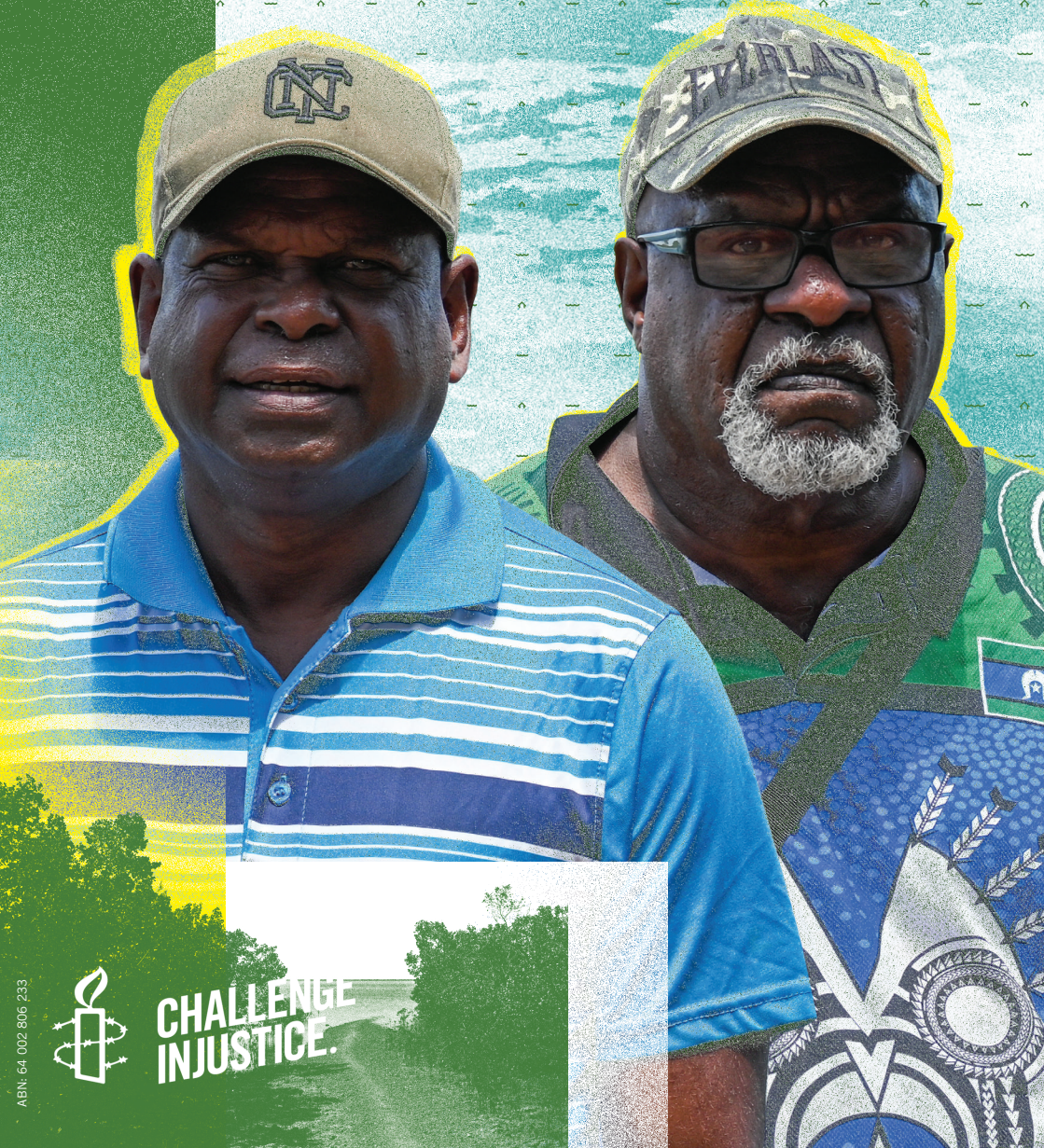
THEIR ANCESTRAL LANDS

WRITE
FOR
RIGHTS

AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL



Australia



ABN: 64 002 806 233



CHALLENGE
INJUSTICE.

UNCLE PABAI AND UNCLE PAUL

 Australia

Uncle Pabai (he/him) and Uncle Paul (he/him) are community leaders from the Guda Maluyigal Nation at the northernmost part of Australia in the Torres Strait. Their Indigenous ancestors have lived on the islands for thousands of years.

Now, because of climate change, their way of life, traditional knowledge systems, cultural practices and spiritual connections that have been passed down from generation to generation could be broken forever. Rising sea levels are causing more destruction each year by eroding beaches, destroying sacred cultural sites and cemeteries where ancestors are buried, wrecking food gardens, and putting the islands' infrastructure at risk.

Uncle Pabai and Uncle Paul, who are referred to as "uncle" by their communities as a sign of respect, have turned to the courts. They argue that the Australian government is taking insufficient action to prevent harm from climate change, resulting in the destruction of their lands and culture.

Unless urgent action is taken, many Torres Strait Islanders will be forced to leave their homelands as large parts become uninhabitable. This would be devastating to the communities. As Uncle Pabai says: "We are born to these islands, they are our mothers, our identities, who we are. For thousands of years, our warrior families fought off anyone who tried to take our homelands from us. But now, we could lose the fight to climate change."

Call on Australia to take urgent climate action.

ACT NOW

Contact the Prime Minister and demand the rights of First Nations communities in the Torres Strait are protected, by rapidly reducing carbon emissions in line with the world commitment of limiting global warming to 1.5°C in line with the best available scientific research.

Grab a petition and start collecting names and emails. There is also a template letter if you prefer.

You can also send the Prime Minister a message on social media:

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/AlboMP
TWITTER / X: @AlboMP
INSTAGRAM: @albomp
HASHTAGS: #PabaiVCmth, #W4R23

SHOW UNCLE PABAI, UNCLE PAUL AND THEIR COMMUNITIES THAT YOU SUPPORT THEM

Print off the solidarity letter template and send your messages of support to show the Peoples of the Torres Strait that you support them in their fight to protect their island homes.

Post your petitions, letters and solidarity letters to:
Amnesty International Australia,
Locked Bag 23,
Broadway NSW 2007
Australia

Please send them to us by 31 January 2024.

We'll post them to the target, include them in the handover in March 2024 and make sure that Uncle Pabai and Uncle Paul get your solidarity messages.



**CHALLENGE
INJUSTICE.**

December 2023

Index: ASA 12/6977/2023 English

Front page image: © Talei Elu

Back page image: © Talei Elu, © Pabai Pabai

ABN: 64 002 806 233

