

MEDIA RELEASE

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Insurgence exhibition opens at Old Parliament House

On Tuesday 22 October the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House, will open its latest exhibition, *Insurgence*. The exhibition is the final act in the museum's *Art of Influence* program of exhibitions and events through Canberra's Centenary year.

Insurgence is a new exhibition of works by Brisbane-based collective proppaNOW, which explores Indigenous issues in contemporary Australia. The exhibition features works across a range of media including installation, painting and digital work.

The proppaNOW collective includes renowned and award winning artists such as: Richard Bell, Vernon Ah Kee, Gordon Hookey, Jennifer Herd, Laurie Nilsen, Megan Cope, Tony Albert and Andrea Fisher. It also includes interviews with the artists talking about why—for them—the personal is political.

"In the tradition of politically active artists past and present, the proppaNOW artists use visual and textual strategies that capture attention through shock, and engage empathy through humour," said Michael Evans, Content Development Manager, Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House.

"The artists believe that if work can make visible an issue and touch just one person, it has done its job," said Mr Evans.

Ms Daryl Karp, Director of the Museum of Australian Democracy said "The *Insurgence* exhibition builds on the long tradition of exploring difficult and important issues in Old Parliament House."

"The exhibition contains works designed to question and confront, drawn from the artist's personal experiences," says Ms Karp.

- **Wednesday 23 October, 10.00am**
Media and interview opportunities with the proppaNOW collective
Insurgence Symposium

Art and Politics: Critiquing Richard Bell's latest video work *The Dinner Party 2013*
Facilitator: Margo Neale, Senior Indigenous Curatorial Fellow, Centre for Historical Research, National Museum of Australia

Ends

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