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#### 2. Her Will To Survive

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It is a myth that the first Australians were eradicated in Tasmania. It should be their resilience, in spite of the overwhelming impact of white settlement, which is embodied in myth. When the land-grab moves south to Tasmania, in an effort to protect the real estate prices, it is decided to remove the Tasmanian Aboriginal people from the island.



#### 3. Freedom For Our Lifetime

52:00

Freedom For Our Lifetime - The threat of extinction hovers over the first Australians of Victoria at the time Wurundjeri clan leader Simon Wonga seeks land from the authorities. He soon gives up and leads his people to the banks of the Yarra River, claiming a parcel of land, Coranderrk. With the help of a Scottish preacher, and inspired by the farming practices of the settlers, the community prospers - until the authorities step in and resist self determination. (Commissioned by SBS) (Documentary Series) (Rpt) G CC



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#### 4. There is No Other Law

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There is No Other Law - Throughout the history of white settlement, individual white men, good and bad, have significantly affected the first Australians. Supported by pastoralists keen to make their fortune, the homicidal police officer Constable Willshire, brings mayhem to the Arrernte nation in Central Australia. With the authorities turning a blind eye, the telegraph operator Frank Gillen stops him. Gillen's other legacy is comprehensive records of the Arrernte people's way of life. (Commissioned by SBS) (Documentary Series) (Rpt) PG CC



## 5. An Unhealthy Government Experiment

52:00

An Unhealthy Government Experiment - Jandamurra is born on a cattle station in the Kimberley in the 1870s. His hybrid life takes a bloody turn when he trades in his status as a police tracker for his own people. Gladys Gilligan is one of more than 50,000 half-caste children plucked from her family and sent to a mission. The Chief Protector of Aborigines, AO Neville, orders her to be arrested and denies her the right to marry three times, but she remains resolutely independent. (Commissioned by SBS) (Documentary Series) (Rpt) PG CC



#### 6. A Fair Deal For A Dark Race

52:00

A Fair Deal for a Black Race - A mass political movement helped win constitutional rights in 1967, but it was built on successive, strategic campaigns conducted by the first Australians from the 1930s. Yorta Yorta man William Cooper forms the Australian Aborigines League in 1933 to continue his life-long campaign for equality. His nephew, Pastor Sir Doug Nicholls, became a champion for those affected by the Maralinga nuclear bomb tests in the 1950s. (Commissioned by SBS) (Documentary Series) (Rpt) PG CC



#### 7. We Are No Longer Shadows

52:00

We Are No Longer Shadows - Losing control of the land had the most devastating impact on the first Australians. The struggle for land rights continues to this day and one of its heroes is Eddie Koiki Mabo. Mabo fought for Australian law to recognise that his people own Murray Island, where they have lived for generations. In 1992, six months after his death, the highest court in the land decides in Mabo's favour. (Commissioned by SBS) (Documentary Series) (Final) (Rpt) PG CC

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