

One of the statements I keep close to my heart: "The effective re-empowerment of aborigines in communities requires no less than the granting of power over law, land and people."



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SUBURBAN FANTASY

As pre-pubescent boys roaming
The suburbs on our BMXs, searching
For excitement on long, hot Sundays,
We were simultaneously disgusted
And thrilled to discover used condoms
(Which we called Frenchies, rubbers
And dingers) on the dirt slope beneath
The squash courts behind the Underwood
Road shopping centre. The discarded
Rubbers hinted at a sordid world of furtive
Teenage sex going on all around us, yet
Out of sight and out of our childish reach.
We perved on horny teens French-kissing
And groping underwater in public pools,
Took mental notes and foolishly imagined
We had a chance with bikini-clad classmates.

