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[How can we acknowledge the Traditional Owners when they don't own the land?](#)

Cultural Awareness experts Aunty Munya Andrews and Carla Rogers say Australians need to critically examine the long-held but erroneous view that home ownership is a source of accomplishment, earned through hard work.

They say Indigenous people don't believe that anyone or anything can be 'owned, especially the land.

"From an Indigenous perspective, land is not something that is earned by a few, it belongs to everybody or, more accurately, we belong to it," says Munya.

"Rather than 'owning' the land, we believe that we *belong* to the land, in which there is no concept of individual ownership but rather one of joint belonging, collaboration and care of the land."

"I find the concept of land and home 'ownership' exceptionally conflicting," says Carla.

"The idea of home ownership is so ingrained in the white Australian fabric and a massive part of my cultural identity."

Despite these conflicting feelings there are simple things we can all do to make a small difference like finding out the name of the Traditional Owners for where you live.

Munya Andrews and Carla Rogers are available to discuss our national anthem and avenues for a more inclusive alternative.

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