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Will you help make a miracle?

You won't be surprised that I love Australia – especially our landscape.

What am I writing about? A *change* in our landscape. It's something of a miracle that we have got so far – or so I have been told. I think it will be glorious. I hope you will agree, spare a minute or two to discover more, and see if you'd like to join me.

Because I really need your help. Here's the story ...

A while ago three different elders from a remote community in Central Australia had a vision. They each had it separately, which seemed extraordinary to me.

They dreamt of a great cross in the heart of their land. And they asked me to help them bring this vision to pass.

This will not be a small, insignificant cross - **but** one twenty metres high, made of core ten steel, and placed on top of Memory Mountain which is about 190 meters high. You can see it here.



The cross will be outlined with solar powered LED lights so it can be seen from afar at night.

Many indigenous artists are providing paintings to help raise funds for the project.

You know what a potent symbol the cross is all over the world. But this will be Australia's cross – and utterly different, owing nothing to anywhere else – just like our land itself and its creatures.

I promised I would help. But you can imagine the challenge! And that started with the *first* miracle.

How on earth would we gain permission from all the authorities involved? A famous journalist who interviewed me said this:

“Ken, I am not a Christian or a spiritual sort of person. But I have dealt with government bureaucracies on many occasions in the Northern Territory and if I were to believe in miracles

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... then you getting permission on behalf of the Indigenous elders to build a huge cross, on the top of a mountain, in the heart of Australia, then that is what I would consider a miracle”.

I have told you before how much I owe to my friends among the indigenous community, and goodness knows that we *all* owe them so much.

So I see this as my chance – and yours, if you join me - to repay them in some small way. You will gain recognition by doing so. But I suspect the greatest joy you get will be from knowing you have helped.

When it's finally finished there will be a huge celebration at Memory, right under the cross. All the individuals and groups who have helped bring this vision to pass will be invited to attend. Indigenous people from many tribes around Australia will come.

Creative people, financial partners and helpers from Australia and overseas – including you, I hope - will come and join us in celebration.

But the need is urgent. There is a deadline – imposed by the Central Lands Council permit – by which we need to have the cross erected. This project will not be accomplished through government grants.

We desperately need help, now. Will you join the army with me?