

Fred Fogarty throws tea, flour and beads on to Bernie Kilgariff's map showing a proposed site for a new NT Parliament House on Emery Point. Fred said, "You took our land in exchange for tea, flour and beads, now take them back and we will keep our land." [Photos taken at Bagot Aboriginal Community, in mid-1975 by Oliver Strewé]. Fred's action signified the end of attempts to build on the sacred Larrakia site on Emery Point in Darwin, Northern Territory.

Top: Victor Williams (Larrakia), Bernie Kilgariff MLA, Vern O'Brien (Dept Lands).

Bottom: Centre – Peter Unia.

I remember going to his house at Fish Camp to remind him about the meeting and watching him gather the items for his protest into the small case pictured on the table.

The protest was entirely Fred's idea and appeared to be previously unplanned, but effective, even though breaking Aboriginal protocols of politeness, as is shown on the faces of Victor Williams and Peter Unia, two witnesses. (Not pictured: Bill Day).

