



STOP HARPER'S FIRST NATIONS TERMINATION PLAN!

Termination means the ending of First Nations pre-existing sovereign status through imposed **Indian Act** legislation, policy and federal coercion of First Nations into Land Claims and Self Government Final Agreements that convert First Nations into municipalities, their reserves into fee simple lands and extinguishment of their Inherent, Aboriginal and Treaty Rights!



In 2006, Stephen Harper's Conservative Platform promised to:

“Replace the Indian Act [and related legislation] with a modern legislative framework which provides for the devolution of full legal and democratic responsibility to aboriginal Canadians for their own affairs within the Constitution, including the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.”

Of course **“modern”** in Conservative terms means assimilation of First Nations by termination of their collective rights and off-loading federal responsibilities onto the First Nations themselves and the provinces. **“Aboriginal Canadians”** is the term the government of Canada uses to describe First Nations because the Termination goal is to convert **“Indian Bands”** into ethnic municipalities with fee simple lands under provincial jurisdiction.

The Harper government is implementing a First Nations Termination Plan through two tracks: 1) a **“Modern”** amended **Indian Act**; or through 2) Self-Government/Comprehensive Claims **Final Agreements**. The Termination Plan is based upon the following key tenets using federal laws, policies, funding and law (and if necessary military) enforcement:

- **Getting First Nations consent to the extinguishment (modification) of Aboriginal Title;**
- **Getting First Nations sign-off on the legal release of Crown liability for past violations of Aboriginal Title & Rights;**
- **Getting First Nations acceptance of the elimination of Indian Reserves by accepting lands in fee simple;**
- **Getting First Nations acceptance to removing on-reserve tax exemptions;**
- **Getting First Nations to respect existing Private Lands/Third Party Interests (and therefore alienation of Aboriginal Title territory without compensation);**
- **Getting First Nations to accept (to be assimilated into) existing federal & provincial orders of government;**
- **Getting First Nations to accept application of Canadian Charter of Rights & Freedoms over governance & institutions in all matters;**
- **Getting First Nations to accept Funding on a formula basis being linked to own source revenue;**

Other measures too, essentially accepting to become Aboriginal municipalities. [Adapted from Federal Powerpoint entitled **“Results Based Approach to Canada’s Participation in Treaty and Self-Government Negotiations - Engagement Process”**]

