
INDIGENOUS ELDERS LOSE LANDMARK CLIMATE BATTLE AGAINST AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT

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The Australian government has won a landmark climate case against residents of islands under siege from the impacts of climate change.

In 2021, community elders Pabai Pabai and Paul Kabai launched legal action against the then-Liberal government for breaching its duty of care to protect the Torres Strait Islands from the impacts of climate change.

But a Federal Court judge dismissed the case and said climate policy was a matter for parliament, not the courts.

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