

Andrew Bolt: Kyam Maher's claims to be Aboriginal may be false | Herald Sun

Kyam? Hello? It's now two weeks since [I showed evidence here](#) that South Australian Attorney-General Kyam Maher's claims to be Aboriginal may be false.

As I wrote, skilled genealogists from dark-emu-exposed.org found Maher, who claims to be an initiated Aborigine, does not have one Aboriginal ancestor.

His story also changed. First, his mother late in life supposedly found she had West Victorian Aboriginal ancestors; before her death she changed that to Tasmanian Aboriginal.

I could be wrong, but it's now two weeks and Maher is yet to respond. Instead, silence.

But the strangest thing is that no one in South Australia's parliament dares ask Maher if he – like many tens of thousands of other white Australians – is pretending to be what he's not.



Kyam Maher's claims to be Aboriginal may be false. Picture: Brenton Edwards

Credit at least to David Bevan, an ABC journalist, who gently asked Maher about my "distasteful" allegation.

Maher repeatedly refused to answer. "It's not something I am going to commentate on at all," he insisted, claiming his Aboriginality is "not something I've bought into the public arena".

Pardon? What about Maher posing with tribal face paint? In a headband of an initiated man?

What about telling National Indigenous Television his Aboriginality "is something that I'm very proud of"? His Premier, too, has boasted of Maher's Aboriginality, but now ... crickets.

This silence is important because Aboriginal activists think [up to 300,000 of our 810,000 Aborigines are fakes](#), yet most of the white media turns a blind eye, as if calling out a white person for pretending to be black is

somehow mean to Aborigines.



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In fact, many Aboriginal activists are speaking out – including Michael Mansell, Stephen Hagan and Suzanne Ingram.

No wonder, when whites get grants, jobs, scholarships, status or cheap medicine reserved for Aborigines.

But who can blame these fakes when even the most prominent suffer no consequences?

Bruce Pascoe, author of the fake history *Dark Emu*, is still a professor of indigenous agriculture at Melbourne University even though his claims to be a descendant of three Aboriginal tribes is false.

Kerrie Doyle, given a scholarship to Oxford meant for Aboriginal students, is still an associate dean at Western Sydney University even though the

“Winninninni” tribe she claims to belong to through her (white) stepfather doesn’t exist, and she has no known Aboriginal ancestors in her genealogy.

Again, I could be wrong, but Pascoe and Doyle won’t show me proof. Neither, now, will Maher. Is truth dead?



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