



KARLA DICKENS

Artist Statement:

Mother's Little Helper video

"As Indigenous Australians we connect with Country and refer to the planet as Mother Earth. Recently a small group of First Nation Adults and children from different parts of Australia gathered in Bingara NSW to create a visual story. Our short film speaks of our concerns and the importance of healing 'The Mother' with the help of our youth, who are our future and our only hope. Known and respected for his great words Uncle Bruce Pascoe will not speak in this film - it is the as viewers responsibly to look hard, learn quick and listen deeply. What will you see? What action will you take? "

Karla Dickens
Artist and Visual Story Teller

Artist Biography:

Lismore-based Wiradjuri artist Karla Dickens has partnered with Bunurong, Tasmanian and Yuin man Bruce Pascoe, from Gippsland, Victoria. Karla is an award-winning multidisciplinary artist whose work discloses aspects of the nation's history, while Bruce is an author, educator and farmer who in recent years has awakened Australians to the agricultural practices of pre-settlement Aboriginal people. In February 2019 Karla and Bruce embarked on a filming project with Blacklock Media. The filming has taken place in the landscapes surrounding the town of Bingara, which is in Gamilaaraay Country, and a number of Aboriginal students from Bingara Central School are participating in the project.



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