

## Land Back - Short Docs

Screening Online for 24 hours, starting at 12:00pm Saturday Sept. 19

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### Land Back

**Program Length: 95 Min.**

Colonialism does not spark joy, but the radical and inspiring films in this program do. The Indigenous peoples that cross our screen in these short docs fight to protect the earth from exploitive industries, they fight for access to their traditional territories, and they fight for their rights to a relationship with the earth.

### Older Than The Crown

**Derrick LaMere | U.S. | 2019 | 30 min | English**

Older Than The Crown follows the trial of Sinixt tribal member Rick Desautel who in 2010 was charged with hunting as a non resident and without a proper permit in Canada. Rick harvested an elk on the ancestral land of the Sinixt people in Vallican British Columbia Canada. To the Sinixt, hunting on ancestral land is an aboriginal right gifted to them by Creator.

A right that has legally been denied to the Sinixt people since 1956 when the Canadian government unjustly declared them extinct in Canada, despite the nearly 3,000 members existing on the Colville Indian Reservation in Washington State. Now with the Desautel Hunting Case, the Sinixt people have a chance to not only bring light

to their unjust extinction by the Canadian government, but also abolish the declaration completely.

Older Than The Crown follows Rick Desautel, a Sinixt ceremonial hunter who in 2010, killed and harvested an elk in Sinixt territory in Canada. Rick then called Canadian enforcement on himself in hopes to be cited for hunting in Canada as a non resident. By doing this, Rick forced the Canadian government into court to prove Rick and the Sinixt people do not exist.

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## **Warburdar Bununu: Water Shield**

**Jason De Santolo | Australia | 2019 | 26 min | English**

A young leader is devastated when Borroloola Town Camps are bombarded with water contamination notices. No one seems to be taking responsibility in the Northern Territory and with continued mining up river his family's way of life is under constant threat. He sets out to find answers knowing that his Elders will never leave their ancestral homelands. On this quest he rediscovers hope in the healing power of story, family and culture.

## **Quimsacocha**

**Émilie Martel | Canada | 2018 | 8 min | Spanish with English subtitles**

For the downstream communities of the high mountains of Quimsacocha, water is sacred. So when the giant Canadian company set their eyes to mine their land for gold and copper, 30-year-old Bolivar and 73-year-old Isaura were not happy. Isaura and Bolivar rely on water for their livelihood. Isaura owns four cows and Bolivar is in

charge of the community's water system.

For them, water is life, and mining will jeopardize the future of their communities. Quimsacocha takes an honest look at these indigenous communities, their cultural traditions, and their lives in this picturesque landscape of the Western Andes Mountains in southern Ecuador.



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### **Mni Wiconi: Mitakuyelo (Water is Life: Protect It, Defend It)**

**Victoria Anderson-Gardner | Canada | 2019 | 11 min | English**

Nearly a year after meeting at the Oceti Sakowin camp during the NoDAPL resistance movement at Standing Rock, five Indigenous Water Protectors are reunited in Toronto, Ontario to share the ways in which the 'spirit of the camp' created a family out of their shared passion and action, ultimately transforming their lives forever. Brought together by a calling to protect the water, their experiences moved them to further elevate their voices in solidarity with the global Indigenous community.

### **Chasing the Signal: A Standing Rock Story**

**E'sha Hoferer | U.S. | 2019 | 20 min | English**

E'sha Hoferer, a member of the Walker River Paiute Tribe, traveled to Standing Rock to take part in the NoDAPL movement. He covered the movement on Facebook Live, with over 40,000 followers receiving his on-the-ground updates. CHASING THE SIGNAL weaves together Facebook Live footage, and other footage that E'sha shot, to tell the story of the profound connection and unity he found at Standing Rock. He talks about his participation in direct actions, his attempts to broadcast a story that the police were trying to suppress – and how he uses what he learned at Standing Rock in his role as a teacher of the Paiute language in his community Elementary School.

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