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Aboriginal dispossession and imperial humanitarianism: colonial Australia within a mobile empire

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We are slowly reconciling with the reality that Australian settlement took place through widespread and strategic frontier violence. This paper focuses not on physical violence but on the relationship between Aboriginal dispossession and formal programs of imperial humanitarianism. The consolidation of Aboriginal dispossession in colonial Australia took place within an historically longer and geographically broader continuum of imperial humanitarian policies that carried an intent to safeguard the rights of colonial subjects across the British Empire, but were also designed to create the terms for the legal management, to manage the flow of people and labour, and to secure the stability of the empire.
