After discussing this topic with the 28 Suntrippers, of whom 21 replied, we can finally take a firm position on the matter.

After reviewing all the material you provided, it is clear that the main sensitivities are twofold: the use of the name and the artwork itself. Both are very ethical subjects. We are all living in our own realities, and we believe that ethical considerations can vary greatly between Europeans, South Americans, and Australians.

- The artwork (and name, as they are linked) was approached with respect, as it was created in collaboration with a Yankunytjatjara artist who shared the knowledge of dot art with Margot Schaefer decades ago. We realize that some Aboriginal communities might be open to sharing aspects of Tjukurpa with outsiders, while others may feel that it should not be used outside their culture due to its sacredness and specific cultural context. In this case, it is clear that there was permission and even guidance in a respectful and accurate manner. Still, we are willing to take further action on this (more on this later).
- Cultural exchange is natural and beneficial. We believe it fosters mutual respect, understanding, and collaboration, allowing people to learn from one another. In this case, if there is any uncertainty, we are more than willing to educate people for sure.
- Creativity shouldn't be restricted. In the psytrance scene, which is highly globalized, using elements of various cultures and traditions is widespread. In the psychedelic scene, many Australian artists also incorporate Aboriginal elements in their names, artwork, and sounds (e.g., AB Didgeridoo Oblivion, Ganga Guru, etc.). We are certainly not unique in this. We believe creativity should be free-flowing, and that artists, musicians, and creators should feel uninhibited in exploring and blending different cultural influences. By labeling cultural exchange as appropriation, we risk stifling creativity.

Based on the reasons mentioned above, we have reached the following conclusion:

- Withdraw the release: 0 votes
- Make a text post on all our socials / adapt our Bandcamp with a text created together with the group who felt offended: 16 votes
- Do nothing: 5 votes

So, let's not push this any further and focus on finding a solution. Let's collaborate on a post. Please gather your team and prepare a text so we can create a mutual statement, and we will share it across all our channels.

If you want to reach us, please contact us at info@suntriprecords.com.