Free Public Forum

Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

All are welcome to this public forum about recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Australian constitution, and removing racial discrimination from our founding document, like the clause that says we can ban an entire race of people from voting. A movement of Australians is growing in support of this recognition (www.recognise.org.au) and a referendum could happen within the next couple of years.

Featuring George Williams AO one of Australia’s leading constitutional lawyers and public commentators.

George is a professor of law at the University of New South Wales, and has written and edited 31 books, including Australian Constitutional Law and Theory and People Power: The History and Future of the Referendum in Australia. As a barrister, he has appeared in the High Court in some of the most important constitutional law cases of the last two decades. He has also served on a number of public inquiries, and is a columnist for the Sydney Morning Herald.

George will speak about where the move for constitutional recognition of our First Peoples comes from, the details of what is proposed and the historic opportunity that we have to achieve a healing and unifying moment for our nation.

George’s speech will be followed by a panel discussion including Aboriginal community members and social commentators.

Please come along and join the conversation.

Launceston
Date: Monday 17 February, 5.45 - 7.30pm
RSVP http://action.recognise.org.au/Launceston

Devonport
Date: Tuesday 18 February, 5.45 - 7.30pm

Hobart
Date: Wednesday 19 February, 5.45 - 7.30pm
RSVP http://action.recognise.org.au/Hobart

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