

APPENDIX A: REFERENDUM COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Pat Anderson AO, Co-Chair

Pat Anderson is an Alyawarre woman and the Chairperson of the Lowitja Institute. Previously, Ms Anderson was Chief Executive Officer of Danila Dilba Health Service in Darwin, Chair of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation and Executive Officer of the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory. Ms Anderson co-authored *Little Children Are Sacred*, a report on the abuse of Aboriginal children in the Northern Territory.

Mark Leibler AC, Co-Chair

Mark Leibler is the senior partner at Arnold Bloch Leibler and head of the firm's taxation practice. Mr Leibler is the National Chairman of the Australia/Israel and Jewish Affairs Council and was Co-Chair of Reconciliation Australia. Mr Leibler served as a Co-Chair of the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Indigenous Australians.

Megan Davis

Megan Davis is a Cobble Cobble Aboriginal woman from Queensland and a Professor of Law and Pro Vice Chancellor, UNSW, Sydney. Professor Davis is an Acting Commissioner of the NSW Land and Environment Court and a member of the NSW Sentencing Council. Professor Davis is an expert member of the UN Human Rights Council's Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and served for six years as an expert and chair of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. Professor Davis is a constitutional lawyer and was a member of the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Indigenous Australians.

Andrew Demetriou

Andrew Demetriou is the former Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Football League. Mr Demetriou previously held the positions of Managing Director of Ruthinium Group and Chief Executive Officer of the AFL Players Association. Mr Demetriou currently serves as Chairman of Capitol Health Ltd and is a Director-Sports Marketing at Bastion Group (Australia).

Natasha Stott Despoja AM

Natasha Stott Despoja is the Australian Ambassador for Women and Girls. She is the founding Chair of Our Watch, a national organisation to prevent violence against women and their children. Ms Stott Despoja is an Honorary Visiting Research Fellow at the University of Adelaide. She is the former leader of the Australian Democrats and was a Senator for South Australia (1995–2008).

Murray Gleeson AC

Murray Gleeson is a former Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia and was Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New South Wales. Mr Gleeson was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1974. Mr Gleeson was previously Lieutenant Governor of New South Wales. Mr Gleeson currently serves as a nonpermanent Judge for the Court of Final Appeal (Hong Kong Special Administrative Region).

Tanya Hosch

Tanya Hosch is a Torres Strait Islander woman, and was recently appointed as the first-ever General Manager, Inclusion and Social Policy, for the Australian Football League. Ms Hosch is also a Director of the Australian Indigenous Governance Institute and the Indigenous Land Council. She previously served as the Joint Campaign Director of Recognise, and worked on the design and establishment of the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples. Ms Hosch was also a member of the Act of Recognition Review Panel.

Kristina Keneally

Kristina Keneally is a former Premier of New South Wales, and held a range of ministerial portfolios including Planning, Infrastructure, Disability Services, and Ageing. Professor Keneally currently serves as Director of Gender Inclusion and Adjunct Professor at the Macquarie Graduate School of Management. Professor Keneally cohosts 'To the Point'; is Patron of the Stillbirth Foundation Australia; and is an Ambassador for both Opportunity Australia International and the John Berne School.

Jane McAloon

Jane McAloon is a strategic and corporate adviser. Previously, Ms McAloon was President of Governance and Group Company Secretary of BHP Billiton, and served as Director General of the New South Wales Ministry of Energy and Utilities. Ms McAloon is a non-Executive Director of Energy Australia, a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and a former Director of the Australian War Memorial.

Noel Pearson

Noel Pearson comes from the Guugu Yimidhirr community of Hope Vale on south eastern Cape York Peninsula. Mr Pearson is a lawyer, and Founder and Director of Strategy of the Cape York Partnership. Mr Pearson also co-founded the Cape York Land Council, and helped to establish Apunipima Health Council, Balkanu Cape York Development Corporation and Indigenous Enterprise Partnerships. Mr Pearson served as a member of the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Indigenous Australians.

Michael Rose AM

Michael is a lawyer and the former Chief Executive Partner of Allens. He is the Chairman of a number of government, arts and not-for-profit organisations including the Committee for Sydney, Sydney Living Museums and ChildFund Alliance, an international development NGO. Michael is Chairman of the Indigenous Engagement Task Force of the Business Council of Australia, and Deputy Chairman of the Aurora Education Foundation. He is an Ambassador for the Australian Indigenous Education Foundation and the Menzies School of Health Research. He is also a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Amanda Vanstone

Amanda Vanstone is a former Senator for South Australia, and held a number of ministerial portfolios in the Howard Government, including Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs. Ms Vanstone is Australia's longest-serving female Cabinet Minister since Federation. Ms Vanstone also served as Australia's Ambassador to Italy and San Marino from 2007 to 2010. Ms Vanstone is currently Chair of Vision 2020 Australia and the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Dalassa Yorkston

Dalassa Yorkston is a Torres Strait Islander woman and Chief Executive Officer of the Torres Shire Council. She is the first Indigenous local woman to hold this position. Ms Yorkston has been a member of the Executive Management Team within Council since 2008, and has long experience working with local government.

Galarrwuy Yunupingu AM

Galarrwuy Yunupingu is an Elder of the Gumatj clan of the Yolngu people and assisted in the drafting of the Bark Petition at Yirrkala. Dr Yunupingu was a member of the Yirrkala Town Council and is a former Chairman of the Northern Land Council. Dr Yunupingu was named Australian of the Year in 1978 for his negotiations on the Ranger uranium mine agreement. Dr Yunupingu was a member of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation.

Denise Bowden (proxy representative for Mr Yunupingu)

An Indigenous woman from Katherine, Northern Territory, Denise Bowden is the Chief Executive Officer and Director of the Garma Festival at the Yothu Yindi Foundation Aboriginal Corporation. Through Aboriginal Hostels Limited Denise sits as a Board of Director. She is active in the north-east Arnhem land region, working on a number of education and governance policy projects. Denise holds many significant positions networked throughout the Northern Territory with regional and very remote Indigenous communities.

Past Council members

Patrick Dodson

Patrick Dodson is a Yawuru man from Broome, Western Australia. He was Co-Chair of the Expert Panel, and attended the summit meeting on 6 July 2015 in Kirribilli. He is Chair of the Yawuru Native Title Company "Nyamba Buru Yawuru Ltd", and a director on the Yawuru PBC. Mr Dodson was the founding Chairman of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation, a Royal Commissioner into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, and is a former Director of the Central and Kimberley Land Councils. In 1975, he became Australia's first ordained Aboriginal Catholic priest (although he has since left the priesthood). Patrick has devoted his life to building bridges between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Professor Patrick Dodson resigned as a member of the Council on 2 March 2016 .

Mick Gooda

Mick Gooda is a descendant of the Gangulu people of central Queensland, is the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner, and a Royal Commissioner of the Royal Commission into the Child Protection and Youth Detention Systems of the Government of the Northern Territory. Mr Gooda was previously Chief Executive Officer of the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health, and served as a member of the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Indigenous Australians.

Mick Gooda resigned as a member of the Council on 27 February 2017.

Stan Grant

Stan Grant is a Wiradjuri man and a distinguished journalist. Mr Grant is the Indigenous Affairs Editor for Guardian Australia as well as the International Editor at Sky News. As the Managing Editor of NITV, he also hosts the network's nightly current affairs show, 'The Point'. His 30 year career as a political affairs correspondent, news anchor and international journalist has been recognised with a number of awards, including a Walkley Award in 2015.

Stan Grant resigned as a member of the Council on 4 March 2017.