



Referendum Council

MEDIA RELEASE

19 April 2017

DISCUSSION PAPER AVAILABLE IN ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LANGUAGES

The Referendum Council is conducting a nation-wide consultation on how the Constitution may be reformed to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Recognition is a complex concept that means many things. It might be recognition as basic as acknowledging the existence of people, their history and their culture. Or it might mean confirming their legal rights and freedoms, or giving them a voice and political representation, or making a treaty or agreement with them—or all of these things.

To help all Australians understand the options and provide their own views, the Referendum Council has developed a discussion paper on constitutional reform.

In particular, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are being asked to actively design what recognition means to them.

To assist First Nations peoples to participate in this process, the Council's Discussion Paper is being made available in a number of traditional languages. These are:

- Anindilyakwa [Groote Eylandt, NT]
- Yolngu Matha [North East Arnhem Land, NT]
- Eastern Central Arrernte [Central Australia and Alice Springs]
- Burarra [Western and Central Arnhem Land, NT]
- Murrinh-patha [Wadeye region, NT]
- Katherine Kriol [Katherine region, NT]
- Pintupi-Luritja [Western Desert region, Central Australia NT]
- Pitjantjatjara [Central Australia and the APY lands]
- Fitzroy Valley Kriol [Kimberley region, WA]
- Warlpiri [Central Australia]
- Yumpla Tok [North QLD]
- Wik Mungkan [North QLD]
- Kala Kawaw Ya [Torres Strait]

To access an interpretation, please visit: www.referendumcouncil.org.au/resources/discussion-paper

About the Referendum Council

The Referendum Council was jointly appointed by the Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Leader of the Opposition, Bill Shorten on 7 December 2015.

The Referendum Council's job is to advise the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition on progress and next steps towards constitutional reform.

A discussion paper has been released that outlines the main questions for Australians to consider.

All submissions and comments are welcome and can be provided through www.referendumcouncil.org.au

Media contact: Kristen Connell, 0400 054 227