**Video Transcript**

**[VIDEO TITLE] Referendum Council:** First Nations Regional Dialogue Sydney, March 10-12 2017

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*Jackie Huggins:* Constitutional recognition means to me recognition in the constitution

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*Jackie Huggins:* I believe it can’t be symbolic only it needs to come with a whole raft of reforms that are endorsed by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community

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*Des Williams:* For us to have a strong position in the constitution in recognition

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*Des Williams:* It would mean that our interests,

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*Des Williams:* and that’s the interests of Aboriginal people right across Australia,

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*Des Williams:* our interests have to be seriously considered before laws are made

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*Teela Reid:* Since the beginning I have come into the process being very much a strong treaty backer and I will always be

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*Teela Reid:* But I learned to realise there are many different complex issues in terms of

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*Teela Reid:* local governments, state governments and federal of course governments

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*Teela Reid:* At this stage of the process of constitution reform, we are obviously talking about the

federal government

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*Teela Reid:* And as a result I think my view and strategy on treaty has changed

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*Teela Reid:* Because we do need something in the constitution that’s going to be able to provide a

hook to have a better future for our people

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*Teela Reid:* So that we can self-determination and maintain our sovereignty to make decisions about our own lives