

**TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

“BOOMERANG PETITION”

This petition of certain citizens of Australia

draws to the attention of the House:

The concern raised by the Expert Panel reporting on the Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in January 2012 was the need to remedy the historical exclusion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples from Australia’s Constitution and the need to remove discrimination.

We therefore ask the House to:

Educate the Australian nation about the need for constitutional change and hold a referendum within two years to:

- **Remove Section 25 – which says the States can ban people from voting based on their race;**
- **Remove section 51(xxvi) – which can be used to pass laws that discriminate against people based on their race;**
- **Insert a new section 51A - to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and to preserve the Australian Government’s ability to pass laws for the benefit of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples;**
- **Insert a new section 116A, banning racial discrimination by government; and**
- **Insert a new section 127A, recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages were this country’s first tongues, while confirming that English is Australia’s national language.**