



Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

Media alert

The Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples today tabled a progress report in the House of Representatives, and will table the same in the Senate this week.

The report contains three options for recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Australian Constitution and for dealing with issues of discrimination. In all three options, the committee recommends removing references to race.

Committee Chair Mr Ken Wyatt AM MP said that action is needed to focus the nation's attention on the significant change to the Constitution.

The committee recommends that each House of Parliament set aside a full day of sittings to debate concurrently the recommendations set out in this report

The committee calls for submissions on steps towards a successful referendum, including on the wording of a proposal and on mechanisms to build community engagement.

The committee will hold more public hearings around Australia in the months ahead.

The committee is required to provide a final report to Parliament before 30 June 2015.

The report is available on the Committee's website: <http://www.aph.gov.au/jscatsi>.

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