



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

Public hearing in Perth on Constitutional Recognition

The Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples will hold a public hearing in Perth on Wednesday 10 September 2014.

The hearing will take place in the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, Meeting Room 3, Level 2, between 9.45am and 4.00pm, including a community program from 3.00pm.

Committee chair Mr Ken Wyatt AM MP encourages residents of Perth and surrounds to attend.

'We are asking all Australians for their views on how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples should be recognised in the Constitution, and whether the Constitution can address issues of discrimination,' Mr Wyatt said.

Representatives of organisations including the Law Society of Western Australia, the Bar Association of Western Australia, Ruah Community Services and Reconciliation WA will give evidence to the committee on the wording of a referendum proposal and on mechanisms to build further engagement and support for the constitutional recognition across all sectors of the community.

The committee tabled an interim report in the Parliament in July 2014, and is required to provide a final report to the Parliament before 30 June 2015. The committee has called for written submissions by 30 October 2014 on its website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/jscatsi>

The hearing will also be live-streamed at www.aph.gov.au/live

Contact:

- To appear as a witness, please contact the committee secretariat on 02 6277 3544 or 1800 728 963.
- To download the committee's interim report, please visit <http://www.aph.gov.au/jscatsi>
- For comment, please contact Jarrod Lomas, Office of the Chair Mr Ken Wyatt AM MP on 0450 219 109.