## Australian Senate Occasional Lecture Series

## Parliamentary processes from an Indigenous perspective

## Friday 21 September 2018, 12.15pm to 1.15pm • Main Committee Room, Parliament House

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In this lecture to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Parliament House, Minister for Aged Care and Minister for Indigenous Health, the Hon Ken Wyatt AM MP, Senator Malarndirri McCarthy and Senator Patrick Dodson share their reflections on their work as federal parliamentarians.



**The Hon Ken Wyatt AM MP** is the Minister for Aged Care and Minister for Indigenous Health. He has served as the Assistant Minister for Health (2015–16) and Health and Aged Care (2016–17). Mr Wyatt is a proud Noongar, Tamatji and Wongi man and was elected in 2010 as the Federal Member for Hasluck, the first Aboriginal Member of the House of Representatives.



**Malarndirri McCarthy** is a Labor Senator for Northern Territory (including Christmas and Cocos Keeling Islands). She first entered the public sphere as a journalist with the ABC and more recently for SBS/NITV, serving also in the Northern Territory Assembly. Ms McCarthy's focus is to bring communities together and ensure remote communities are engaged with and listened to on a national level.



**Patrick Dodson** is a Labor Senator for Western Australia and Shadow Assistant Minister for Indigenous Affairs and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. A Yawuru man from Broome in Western Australia, he has extensive experience in Aboriginal affairs, previously as director of the Central and Kimberley Land Councils and as a commissioner during the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody. He served as inaugural chair of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation and as co-chair of the Expert Panel for Constitutional Recognition of Indigenous Australians.