

Hi

I am making a short submission to this Inquiry.

I wish for all Aboriginal, Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander peoples to be officially recognised in the Australian constitution.

They are the first inhabitants of this continent. They have demonstrated their unity with the land, it's resources, landscape and stories.

Their nations and culture continue to enrich the modern multicultural Australia.

There is no logical, humane, civilise, justifiable reason why they should not be officially recognised.

I empathise with their cause. I respect their rights. It is time we show unity as a nation, black, white, red, brown, yellow.

It is amazing how we rejoice over the recognition of LGBT rights - and rightly so but it is appalling and disappointing that our Aboriginal brothers and sisters remain extremely marginalised. It is an embarrassment. We are only as strong a nation as our weakest and poorest. How can we let this continue?

I expect no less from the members of Parliament!

Malcolm Turnbull - don't you think this is a pressing and urgent issue?

May God give you all wisdom and decency to do the right thing by our first peoples.

Humbly,

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