

My observations on the proposal to amend the constitution

REFERENDUM to change the constitution

1. Insert 62 (ii),
2. append to 63,
3. insert 64 (ii)

Rationale: To give identical recognition and opportunity for participation to the original inhabitants of the country.

Item 1 of Schedule 1 would amend the table of contents:

Section 62 renumbered as 62 (i)

Insert 62 (ii)

Section 64 renumbered as 64 (I)

Insert 64 (ii)

Item 2 would:

1. insert a new section 62 (ii)

62 (ii) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice

There shall be a body, called the aboriginal and torres strait islander voice to advise the governor-general in the government of the commonwealth, and the members of the voice shall be chosen and summoned by the governor-general and sworn as elders of voice, and shall hold office during the pleasure of the governor-general.

AND

2. append to section 63 the phrase

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AND

3. insert a new section 64 (ii)

64 (II) ELDERS OF VOICE

The governor-general may appoint officers to administer such departments of voice of the commonwealth as the governor-general in council may establish. Such officers shall hold office during the pleasure of the governor-general. They shall be elders of the voice and shall be the head of state's elders of voice for the commonwealth.

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