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

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Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition commences public consultations

The [Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples](#) has undertaken some initial briefings with Indigenous leaders and other stakeholders on issues relating to constitutional recognition.

The Committee will undertake consultations with communities and experts. As a first step in this process, the Committee will be attending the Barunga Festival in early June where it will hear from a range of First Nations people and organisations.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the Barunga Statement, which was an historic milestone in the long journey towards greater recognition of First Nations peoples.

The Committee will consult with several other communities both prior to presenting its interim report at the end of July and in subsequent months before the final report is due.

To assist the Committee in its deliberations, the Committee is seeking submissions addressing one or more of the [terms of reference](#). Submissions should be received by **Monday, 11 June 2018**. Information about how to make a submission to an inquiry is available on the [Parliament of Australia webpage](#).

The Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples was appointed by resolution of appointment in March 2018.

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