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

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Finding common ground and a way forward for Indigenous recognition

A new committee met yesterday, to further consider matters regarding recognition of Australia's indigenous people, and will be co-chaired by Senator Patrick Dodson, Senator for Western Australia, and Mr Julian Leeser MP, Member for Berowra.

The [Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples](#) is expected to report by the end of November this year, with an interim report due in July.

The Committee is calling for submissions and is considering options for public meetings and hearings.

Co-Chairs Senator Dodson and Mr Leeser MP said:

'As a committee, we are looking for common ground and ways forward on these critical matters for Australia's future. We hope to hear from Australians about the next steps for recognition of First Nations peoples. We plan to consult widely, starting with First Nations leadership. We understand that a great deal of work has already been done: the job of this committee is to build on that work and to now take the next steps.'

The [Committee website](#) has details of Committee membership, and will be the first point of information about the work of the Committee.

Written submissions should be received by **Monday 11 June**, to assist with planning meetings and hearings, but the Committee may accept submissions after this date.

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