



Parliamentary Library National Reconciliation Week Lecture

Friday 2 June 2017 — 12:00pm — Parliament House Theatre

Obstacles to a truly reconciled Australia

Louise Taylor

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Louise Taylor will speak on the obstacles to reconciliation and the future of rights and recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Ms Taylor will argue that by looking to some of the lessons of the past we can see how we might inform the future pathway to true reconciliation and secure a proper place in the political and socio-economic landscape of Australia for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Louise Taylor is a Kamilaroi woman, a lawyer and the Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Legal Aid ACT. Ms Taylor is a former specialist family violence prosecutor, a previous long time Convenor of the Women's Legal Centre ACT, a past member of the ACT Domestic Violence Prevention Council and former Chair of the ACT Ministerial Advisory Council on Women. Ms Taylor is a member of the ACT Law Reform Advisory Council, the Law Council of Australia's Indigenous Legal Issues Committee, and an associate of UNSW's Indigenous Law Centre.

Counting contributions, not just bums on seats: Can Indigenous public sector employment be a respectful relationship?

Elizabeth Ganter

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In interviews with senior Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander public servants in the Northern Territory in 2007, Sarah asked, 'How can you make decisions about Aboriginal people when you can't even talk to the people you've got *here* that are blackfellas?' In this presentation, Dr Elizabeth Ganter will explore the ingredients of respect in the Indigenous public sector employment relationship. Dr Ganter will suggest that an undue focus on employee numbers can obscure other contributions, such as building bureaucracies that represent communities.

Elizabeth Ganter lived and worked as a public servant in the Northern Territory for over 25 years. She is the author of the book, *Reluctant Representatives: blackfellas speak in Australia's north*, published by the ANU Press as a CAEPR Monograph in 2016.

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