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Constitutional Recognition of Indigenous Australians

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In December 2010 the Gillard Government established a panel of experts to consult with the Australian community about amending the Constitution to recognise indigenous Australians. The panel is currently touring the country to provide people with an opportunity to express their views. It aims to report to the Government by December 2011 on possible options for constitutional change.



In this lecture Mick Dodson will examine what might be a recipe for a successful referendum and how the ingredients of that recipe might bring both the symbolic recognition sought and the substantive changes to the Constitution to reset the relationship positively between the First Australians and the rest of the country.

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