

Petition about the formal proceedings of the Referendum Council.

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| Petition summary and background | <p>We the undersigned, want it to be known that we are expressing our discontent with the manner in which the Referendum Council's consultative process is being conducted around the country with First Peoples.</p> <p>The invitation only status of the meetings is non-conducive to a fair and transparent mandate seeking process. We demand fair and transparent official procedures for all original tribal and clan families in the continent lands of known as Australia, about the decision of whether or not to be placed in the Australian constitution.</p> <p>The undisclosed and secretive nature of the locations of these First Peoples' public held meetings seeking a mandate and consensus from Indigenous peoples contravenes the official public consensus nature of these nationwide meetings.</p> <p>Under the original tribal and clan law of many First Peoples in this country the manner in which these secretive and selective referendum council meetings are being conducted breaches original customary law. In that a full consensus of all the First Peoples of the tribes and clans must be first consulted and negotiated with, and not just a select few who have been hand-selected by people employed by the Federal government under the structure of the Referendum Council. Native Title representatives have not been elected to speak or make decisions about the question of constitutional recognition and they are not to be used for this purpose by the Australian government under its employees of the Referendum Council.</p> <p>The manner of seeking a First Peoples' consensus on whether or not First Peoples should be added to the Australian Constitution requires an extensive and fully inclusive consultative and informative process that allows all tribal clan families of First Peoples to be unbiasedly informed, so they can make a free, prior and informed decision about the consensus mandate that the Australian Government is seeking for inclusion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander in its constitutional reform.</p> <p>We the undersigned people demand a fair and transparent consultative process that allows all First Peoples a chance to be fully informed, consulted, and have a voice about the decision that is being imposed upon them.</p> |
| Action petitioned for | <p>We, the undersigned, are concerned people who urge the Australian Governor General and all Australian elected leaders to act now to demand a fair and transparent and fully inclusive First Peoples' consultative procedure in accordance with customary law and tribal and clan structural governance procedures.</p> |

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