

FACT SHEET

CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AUSTRALIANS

HOW CAN WE FIND OUT ABOUT THE PANEL'S WORK AND FINDINGS?

On 19 May 2011, the Panel released a discussion paper designed to be the starting point for a national conversation on constitutional recognition.

The discussion paper sets out background information about the Australian Constitution and how it can be changed as well as the potential benefits of constitutional recognition for all Australians.

Panel members want to talk directly to as many Australians as possible through national consultations.

In addition to the national consultations there are many other ways to be involved in the national conversation; by writing a letter or email to contact@youmeunity.org.au, by lodging a submission to submissions@youmeunity.org.au or by posting a message on this website.

Updates on the work of the Panel will be published on the website, as well as information on the dates and locations of upcoming consultations.

The Panel will produce a report in December 2011 on the range of options which are most likely to be supported at a referendum put to the Australian people.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE PANEL REPORTS TO THE GOVERNMENT?

The Government will consider the Panel's recommendations when it receives its report in December 2011.