

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BAR ASSOCIATION

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The Honourable Michael Mischin MLC
Attorney General of Western Australia
Chair, Joint Select Committee on Aboriginal
Constitutional Recognition
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Attorney General

Inquiry into the appropriate wording to recognise Aboriginal people in the Constitution of Western Australia

Thank you for your letter dated 12 December 2014.

The Western Australian Bar Association strongly supports the principle of amending the *Constitution Act 1889* (WA) to recognise the aboriginal peoples of Western Australia. The Association also supports a process of consultation with the aboriginal peoples of Western Australia which identifies and proposes the wording of such an amendment or amendments.

The Association thanks you for the opportunity of communicating its position on this important matter.

Yours sincerely

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