

YOU ME UNITY
Equality and Recognition.

CONSULTATIONS ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES

Over the coming months the Australian people will be asked to share their views on how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples could be recognised in the Australian Constitution.

The Prime Minister has appointed a Panel made up of Indigenous and non-Indigenous leaders from urban, regional and remote areas to go out and consult the Australian people on the most appropriate way to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Constitution.

Two members of the Panel on the Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, Senator Rachel Siewert, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Mr Mick Gooda, will be in Darwin to hold a public meeting to discuss constitutional recognition.

This will give the people of Darwin the opportunity to contribute to this national conversation.

WHEN:	Tuesday 27 September	Tuesday 27 September
WHERE:	University Theatre, Orange Building 3 Casuarina Campus Charles Darwin University Ellengowan Drive, Casuarina	Dining Room Parliament House Mitchell St, Darwin
TIME:	A light meal will be provided 12:00 to 2:00 pm	A light meal will be provided 4:30 to 6:30 pm

You can find out more about the panel's work and ideas for change by downloading the discussion paper from the website www.youmeunity.org.au

The Panel members want to speak directly to as many Australian people as possible but if you can't get along to the meeting you can still have your say by writing a letter or email or a submission or by visiting our website.

Drawing on the results of these consultations, along with surveys and legal advice, the Panel will report to the Prime Minister in December 2011 on options to change the Constitution which could be put to the Australian people at a referendum.

Accounts poles apart

SYDNEY: The ex-lover of former NSW MP John Della Bosca gave a "grossly different" account of the actions of Mr Della Bosca's wife than was shown on CCTV footage, a detective told a court.

A constable had testified that the ex-lover, Kate Neill, said she was followed all the way up a street by the screaming wife of Mr Della Bosca, former federal MP Belinda Neal.

But Detective Senior Constable Tara Chapman said CCTV footage capturing people walking past the doorway of a convenience store showed Ms Neill was one minute behind Ms Neal.

Ms Neal's lawyer, David O'Neil, suggested this was grossly different to the account Ms Neill gave to police and Det Chapman agreed.

The detective was being cross-examined yesterday in Downing Centre Local Court at the hearing of an application by police for an apprehended violence order to be made against Ms Neal in relation to her husband's former lover.

Det Chapman agreed that in Ms Neill's statement she said Ms Neal was behind her and did not say anything to her until she (Neill) reached a cafe in Newtown, close to her home in Sydney's inner west, on April 6 this year.

"Kate Neill, on her own account, spoke to Belinda Neal?" Mr O'Neil asked.



Former state MP John Della Bosca's ex-partner Kate Neill leaves court

"Correct," the detective replied. She agreed this was totally different to her account that Ms Neal followed her all the way up the street screaming.

Ms Neal was present in court, while Ms Neill remained outside as she is expected to give evidence.

Mr Della Bosca was also waiting outside the courtroom. The hearing is continuing.

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