

Special APY Executive and Community Chairs Meeting held Umuwa 12/9/2012 - Time For Respect

Time for Respect - Recognition of First People of South Australia amendment to South Australia Government Constitution consultation meeting

Present: Chairperson: Trevor Adamson:

Pukatja/Yunyarinyi, Amata/Tjurma: Owen Burton/Watarru: Charlie Anytjipalya, Kaltjitia/
Irintata/Watinuma: Murray George, Kanypi /Nyapari/ Angatja: Anton Baker, Mimili: Willy Pompey,
Pipalyatjara/ Kalka: Mrs Milyika Paddy, Iwantja: Alex Baker

Indulkana: B Singer, Anilayla / Turkey Bore: Leon Colson

APY Administration: R. Tjami, Director, R. Preece, GM, K. Kamphorst: minute taker

Others visitors included Donald Fraser, Roger Kipipi, Sandy Dodd and other community members

DPC Interpreter –R Lester, DPC representative B, Chairperson Adamson welcomed the Advisory Panel and handed over the Presentation to Klynton Wanganeen, Chair of the Consultation Committee and Commissioner of Aboriginal engagement.

K Wanganeen welcomed everyone and apologised on behalf of Professor Buxton, Advisory Panel Chair who could not attend today. He welcomed the other expert panel members, former Supreme Court Judges John Von Deussa and Robyn Layton, Redmon Greeny DPC AARD, M Totten- note taker of discussion and Khatja Thomas, Community Aboriginal Engagement –Minister Caica office DPC

K Wanganeen opened the presentation and gave an overview and history of the Recognition of Aboriginal Peoples in the SA Constitution and the presentation that is to be held today to assist discussion. He clarified that today was about requesting opinion on the words to be inserted into the SA Constitution and everyone has an opportunity to raise opinions.

See attached Power Point presentation.

Community discussions ensued – Executive George commented that he is supportive of the changes and Anangu Law and Culture has not been recognized before so perhaps it will be now. D Fraser commented that at present with our Land Rights Act APY is like a state within a state and APY is treading a fine line to keep culture strong and sustaining Anangu. Executive Burton commented he agreed to the recognition of Anangu culture and stories.

Question - 1- Do you wish to see an amendment to the South Australian Constitution that gives formal recognition to Aboriginal peoples as first people of the State?

Yes - Passed unanimously

Question-2 -Do you like these words?

Parliament on behalf of the people of South Australia acknowledges that:

a/ the parliament of the United Kingdom in 1834 passes a bill called “ An Act to empower His Majesty to erect South Australia into the British Province or Provinces and to provide for the

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Colonisation and Government thereof" and that by Letters Patent dated 19 February 1836 His majesty established the Province of South Australia.

b/ the making of the above instrument and subsequent Constitutional Instrument providing for the governance of South Australia and for the making of laws for peace , order and god government occurred without proper effective consultation , recognition or involvement of Aboriginal peoples of South Australia.

Yes – passed unanimously

Question -3 -*Do you like these words?*

Parliament on behalf of the people of South Australia:

a/ acknowledges an respects Aboriginal peoples as the State's first people and nations , and

b/ recognises Aboriginal peoples as the traditional owners and occupants of the land in South Australia and that they:

i /Have a spiritual, social, cultural and economic relationship with their traditional lands and waters, and also maintain cultural practises, languages and heritage beliefs, all of which have ongoing importance

ii/ have and continue to maintain a unique identity and lasting contribution to the State

D Fraser and Executive Adamson suggested need further time for consultation with APY Community members so an extension of time has been given to Mid-October for submissions as to the answer to this question and the following

Question Four

as described in the handout - What form should the amendment take?

Question -5 – *Do you think there should be a caveat section to the words of recognition?*

Yes - Passed unanimously.

Panel expert Van Deussa commented that the words described are a recognition not a protection and a response for consideration needs to be had by mid-October.

Some discussion ensued as to the Federal Recognition of First peoples in the Constitution and the Panel commented that the Community consultation would be more extensive and would take up to two years. No time frame for this consultation has been agreed upon at this stage and a referendum would take place.

K Wanganeen thanked everyone for their participation. Chairperson Adamson thanked the Advisory Panel for their visit and community participants at the meeting.

Meeting concluded at 3.25 pm. Next Executive meeting 10/10/12

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