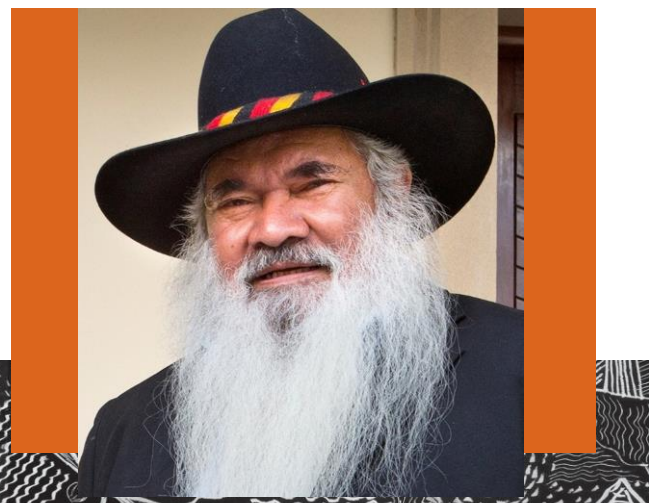




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Special Twilight Talking Heads Seminar

The Road to Recognition: An Evening with Patrick Dodson

Australia's founding document, the Constitution, makes no mention of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders as being the first peoples of this nation. Even in the 21st Century it includes discrimination based on race. We are now on the way to rectifying this. But what is the Constitution? How can it be changed? And why is Recognition important?

In this first in a series of events on the subject, the University of Notre Dame is delighted to host Professor Patrick Dodson as he presents this special Twilight Talking Heads Seminar. This public address will cover the basics including the history of the Constitution, the race provisions within it, the proposal to change it to recognise the first Australians and remove the race power, as well as an update on the current state of play. Following the talk, there will be opportunity for questions and discussion.

Professor Dodson is a Yawuru man. He was co-chair of the Expert Panel on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, which handed its report to the Prime Minister in 2012. He continues to be an important contributor to deliberations about the matter at the national level.

With a referendum set to occur in the near future, this is a matter that is important to all Australians. The Twilight Seminar is a rare opportunity for the Broome community to become informed about the issue from one of the nation's key leaders in the debate.

Wednesday, 4th November 2015, 5pm

Venue: Multi-Purpose Hall, University of Notre Dame, 88 Guy Street, Broome

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