



NATIONAL CONGRESS
OF AUSTRALIA'S FIRST PEOPLES

INAUGURAL NATIONAL CONGRESS DELEGATES MEETING

7-9 JUNE 2011

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM AND RECOGNITION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

WORKSHOP AND POLICY POSITION PAPER

Brief: To canvas the opinions of Congress members and run workshops at the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples Inaugural meeting of delegates 7-9 June 2011 on 'Constitutional Reform and Recognition of Indigenous People' in order to develop the basis for our policy position.

Background:

The Congress was incorporated in April 2010 to be a national advocacy body for Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander members. It is a member driven, democratic Indigenous organisation whose policy mandate will be set at the inaugural National Congress meeting to be held in Sydney on 7-9 June 2011.

120 delegates will be attending the National Congress meeting to engage in the policy setting and direction for the organisation in the forthcoming year. Constitutional reform and recognition of Indigenous people is a key policy priority area for the Congress.

The Congress has ex-officio status on the expert panel through the 2 Co-Chairs.

Project brief:

We would welcome your expressions of interest and a fee proposal on the following:

- (1) To engage our broader membership on the issue prior to the National Congress.
- (2) To run workshops at the National Congress on proposed options for reform of the Australian Constitution to provide recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and to obtain delegates' views at this workshop, for the Congress to be able to develop the basis for a preferred policy position on this matter.

Timeframes:

The National Congress meeting will be held in Sydney on 7- 9 June 2011. The workshop policy forum is scheduled for 8 June 2011. It is anticipated that a draft report on the outcome of the policy workshop and broader member input be produced by 9 July 2011.

Fee Proposal:

We would greatly appreciate your expression of interest and fee proposal for this project brief by **Wednesday, 18 April 2011.**

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