

The **Indigenous Law Centre**
in the Faculty of Law at the University of New South Wales is pleased to present

A public forum

After ATSIC?

Futures for Indigenous Australians in Government and Governance

Speakers:

Aden **Ridgeway**, Senator, Parliament of Australia

Larissa **Behrendt**, Professor of Law and Indigenous Studies, University of Technology, Sydney

Warren **Mundine**, Chief Executive Officer, NSW Native Title Services Limited

Tanya **Hosch**, Visiting Research Fellow, University of Technology, Sydney

Details:

Tuesday 7 June, 5:45 pm to 7:15 pm

The Vestibule, **Sydney Town Hall**, 483 George Street, Sydney

No RSVP necessary

Light refreshments from 5:15 pm

The Federal Government abolished the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) in June last year. For nearly 15 years, ATSIC had provided a framework and focus for Indigenous representation at all levels of government and in other domestic and international forums. The Regional Councils established under ATSIC, which provide an important link between Indigenous communities and government, will be disbanded on 30 June this year. This forum looks forward to new possibilities – how should the interests of Australia's First Peoples be represented in the future?

Venue and transport details:

Town Hall is situated at the intersection of George and Drutt Streets in central Sydney. The closest train station is Town Hall. George Street is well served by buses from both Central Station and Circular Quay. The nearest parking is available at St Andrews Parking Station in Kent Street or QVB Parking in York Street.

More information:

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Larissa **Behrendt** is Professor of Law and Indigenous Studies and Director of the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning at the University of Technology, Sydney. She graduated from UNSW Law School in 1992 and has since completed her Master of Laws and Doctorate at Harvard. She is a practising lawyer and lecturer and has worked with the United Nations. She is published on property law, Indigenous rights, dispute resolution and Aboriginal women's issues.

Warren **Mundine** is Chief Executive Officer of NSW Native Title Services Limited. He is also National Junior Vice President of the Australian Labor Party. Educated in Sydney at Benedict Marist Brothers College at Auburn, Warren later studied at the South Australian Institute of Technology. He is currently a member of the Macquarie Area Health Board, the NSW PCYC Board and the Local Government Association of NSW and Deputy Mayor of Dubbo.

Tanya **Hosch** has spent most of her working life in Adelaide and mostly in the public sector including women's services. She has worked for the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation in Canberra, and with ATSIC. Tanya has been involved in the development and delivery of leadership programs for young people. She is a director of Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre and the Foundation for Young Australians.

Senator Aden **Ridgeway**, from the Gumbayngirr people of Northern New South Wales, is the only Indigenous member of the Federal Parliament and the Australian Democrats Senator for New South Wales. Aden has extensive experience in policy and administration, a long time involvement in national Indigenous politics, a passionate commitment to human rights and an ongoing interest in philanthropic and arts organisations.



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