

## **Event Brief**

### **Noel Pearson: From the Heart and Soul**

This event celebrates a major joint resolution by diverse peak religious institutions, calling on Australian political leaders to take action on a First Nations voice referendum, as advocated by the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

It demonstrates a growing coalition of multicultural Australians accepting the invitation of the Uluru Statement to ‘walk with’ Indigenous Australians ‘in a movement of the Australian people for a better future.’

This landmark cultural event at the Cutaway Biennale, Barangaroo, will feature an oration by Noel Pearson and will be broadcast to all Australians to help build momentum for a successful referendum.

#### **Venue:**

The Cutaway, Barangaroo – the Biennale exhibition

#### **Speaker:**

Indigenous author and activist, Noel Pearson

#### **Creative Director:**

Indigenous filmmaker, Rachel Perkins

#### **Music Performance:**

TBC (potentially William Barton)

## **Background**

Led by Dr Shireen Morris and Damien Freeman in partnership with Indigenous policy organisation Cape York Institute (spearheaded by Noel Pearson), and with generous support from Foundation Donors, Henry and Marcia Pinski, Macquarie University Law School’s Radical Centre Reform Lab is co-ordinating the joint resolution of peak Australian religious organisations in support of the Uluru Statement. Proposed signatories will include the:

- Executive Council of Australian Jewry
- Australian Catholic Bishops Conference
- National Council of Churches Australia
- Australian National Imams Council
- Anglican Church of Australia
- Australian Sangha Association
- Sikh Council of Australia
- Uniting Church of Australia
- Hindu Council of Australia

The joint resolution will be launched on the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Uluru Statement – also the anniversary of the 1967 referendum, and the beginning of Reconciliation Week.

It will mark an unprecedented push by multicultural Australians in support of a First Nations constitutional voice, bolstering continuing bipartisan commitment to Indigenous constitutional recognition and increasing political pressure for action on a constitutional voice.

### **Proposed Event**

On the morning of 27 May 2022, Noel Pearson will give a landmark address at the Cutaway, Barangaroo, to promote the joint resolution and launch the Reform Lab.

Noel Pearson is Australia's most prominent and influential Indigenous leader. He is a writer and orator of international repute, who is passionate about empowering Indigenous Australians.

Aboriginal filmmaker, Rachel Perkins, is the creative director of this event. The NSW government have agreed to provide the Cutaway free of charge, to support this exciting occasion.

This event will be held against the dramatic backdrop of ancient rock walls at the Cutaway, amidst cutting edge contemporary art presented as part of Sydney's Biennale, and will hopefully be attended by members of many diverse religious denominations and cultural groups.

### **We need your support**

The Cutaway is being provided by the NSW government for free. However, we must bring in and pay for stage, seats, lighting, sound, live streaming facilities, and simple catering to make this happen. We would additionally like to include an Indigenous music performance by renown artist, William Barton, and to photograph the event.

#### Indicative budget:

Stage, sound, lights, live streaming:	\$16,000
Seating and catering tables:	\$3,000
Simple catering (tea, coffee, water, pastries):	\$5,000
Music performance:	\$5,000
Photography:	\$500
Welcome to country:	\$500
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>

We are seeking your sponsorship and support to make this event a reality. In exchange for providing financial (or in kind support that directly pays for any of the above requirements) we will include your organisation's branding in this special event by displaying your logo on the event invitation (if received in time for invitations being issued) and verbally acknowledging your support at the event. It is unlikely that logos can be visually displayed at the Cutaway, Biennale.

This is an excellent opportunity to progress reconciliation in Australia and build a lasting partnership in support of this important work.

We would be pleased to discuss this opportunity further.

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