

## Media Release



### ***House of Assembly Standing Committee on Community Development***

**Thursday, 11 June 2015**

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Public notices have been placed in all three major Tasmanian newspapers yesterday, inviting submissions to the Committee's inquiry into constitutional recognition of Aboriginal people as Tasmania's first people.

Committee Chair, Guy Barnett MP, said "all Tasmanians who have an interest in the inquiry are invited to make a submission."

"We would like to hear from people and organisations who wish to have a say about this important issue of reconciliation," Mr Barnett said.

"This Inquiry is an opportunity for broad engagement on proposals for the recognition of Aboriginal people as Tasmania's first people in the Tasmanian Constitution."

"As Committee members we will examine submissions received, hear evidence and present recommendations to government."

Closing date for submissions is 17 July, with hearings to commence in August.

The Committee will report to Parliament by 19 November this year.

The Terms of Reference for the inquiry are for the Community Development Committee: to inquire into and report upon:—

- (a) proposals for amending the Tasmanian constitution to recognise Aboriginal people as Tasmania's first people; and
- (b) any matters incidental thereto.