

TASMANIA

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*(Brought in by the Premier, the Honourable William Edward
Felix Hodgman)*

A BILL FOR

An Act to amend the preamble of the *Constitution Act 1934* to provide for the constitutional recognition of Aboriginal people

Be it enacted by Her Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, in Parliament assembled, as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the *Constitution Amendment (Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal People) Act 2016*.

2. Commencement

This Act commences on the day on which this Act receives the Royal Assent.

3. Principal Act

In this Act, the *Constitution Act 1934** is referred to as the Principal Act.

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Aboriginal People) Act 2016*
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4. Preamble amended

The Principal Act is amended by inserting at the end of the preamble the following:

“And whereas the Parliament, on behalf of all the people of Tasmania, acknowledges the Aboriginal people as Tasmania’s First People and the traditional and original owners of Tasmanian lands and waters; recognises the enduring spiritual, social, cultural and economic importance of traditional lands and waters to Tasmanian Aboriginal people; and recognises the unique and lasting contributions that Tasmanian Aboriginal people have made and continue to make to Tasmania.”

5. Repeal of Act

This Act is repealed on the three hundred and sixty fifth day from the day on which it commences.