

PRE-DELIBERATION TELEPHONE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Good morning / afternoon / evening. My name is from Newspoll market research. We are conducting a national opinion poll on people's attitudes.

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QUESTIONNAIRE NO: _____

To make sure we're speaking to a cross-section of people, may I please speak to...**QUOTA**

Interview Start Time: ____ / ____

INTERVIEWER NAME: _____ RESPONDENT NAME: _____ 

CIRCLE AREA	BRISBANE..... 01	SYDNEY..... 03	MELBOURNE 05	PERTH 09
	REST QLD..... 02	REST NSW / ACT 04	REST VIC..... 06	REST WA..... 10
			ADELAIDE 07	TASMANIA 11
			REST SA..... 08	NT..... 12

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IF INITIAL CONTACT IS NOT THE SELECTED PERSON, ASK TO SPEAK TO HIM / HER THANKING INITIAL CONTACT FOR CO-OPERATION. IF SELECTED PERSON NOT AVAILABLE, MAKE AN APPOINTMENT AND RECORD ON CALL SHEET. WHEN SELECTED PERSON COMES TO PHONE, REPEAT INTRODUCTION THEN PROCEED TO Q1

Q1 Firstly, can I just confirm your specific age group. Are you aged...? **READ OUT 2-5**

18-24.....	2
25-34.....	3
35-49.....	4
50+.....	5
REFUSED.....	6

Q2 RECORD SEX 

MALE.....	1
FEMALE.....	2

SECTION A - ASK ALL RESPONDENTS

A1 Now some questions about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. How would you personally describe general relations between Aboriginal people and other Australians? Would you say they are...? **READ OUT AND ROTATE 1-5 AND 5-1 ONLY**

VERY GOOD.....	1
QUITE GOOD.....	2
FAIR.....	3
QUITE POOR.....	4
VERY POOR.....	5
NEITHER / DON'T KNOW.....	6

A2 And compared with all the other issues facing Australia today, would you say improving relations between Aboriginal people and other Australians is...? **READ OUT 1-3**

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES.....	1
IT'S IMPORTANT, BUT THERE ARE MANY OTHER THINGS THAT ARE MORE IMPORTANT.....	2
OR, OVERALL, DO YOU THINK IMPROVING RELATIONS IS A FAIRLY LOW PRIORITY.....	3
NONE / DON'T KNOW.....	4

A3 Considering Aboriginal people as a group in the community. Compared with other groups, do you tend to think of Aboriginal people as being disadvantaged, or not disadvantaged?

DISADVANTAGED.....	1
NOT DISADVANTAGED.....	2
NEITHER / DON'T KNOW.....	3

A4 And thinking specifically about living conditions. Generally, would you say Aboriginal people are better off, worse off, or about the same as other Australians in terms of living conditions?

LOT BETTER OFF.....	1
LITTLE BETTER OFF.....	2
ABOUT THE SAME.....	3
LITTLE WORSE OFF.....	4
LOT WORSE OFF.....	5
DON'T KNOW.....	6

IF BETTER OFF Would that be a lot better off or a little better off?

IF WORSE OFF Would that be a lot worse off or a little worse off?

A5 Overall, these days, do you think the Government provides too much, not enough or about the right amount of programs and assistance for Aboriginal people? TOO MUCH..... 1
 NOT ENOUGH..... 2
 ABOUT RIGHT..... 3
 NONE/ DON'T KNOW 4

A6 Now we'd like your impression about more specific aspects of Aboriginal peoples' lives these days. For each of the following, please tell me, in general, if you think Aboriginal people are better off, worse off or about the same as other Australians. Firstly...? READ OUT A-I

IF BETTER OFF Would that be a lot better off or a little better off?

IF WORSE OFF Would that be a lot worse off or a little worse off?

	<u>LOT BETTER</u>	<u>LITTLE BETTER</u>	<u>ABOUT THE SAME</u>	<u>LITTLE WORSE</u>	<u>LOT WORSE</u>	<u>NONE / DON'T KNOW</u>
A) THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET AHEAD IN LIFE.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
B) HEALTH.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
C) HOUSING.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
D) OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
E) EDUCATION.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
G) LIFE EXPECTANCY - BY THAT WE MEAN THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF YEARS A PERSON LIVES.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
H) JAILING OR IMPRISONMENT RATES.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
I) INCOME.....	1	2	3	4	5	6

A7 Have you heard or not heard of the term "Aboriginal Reconciliation"? YES / HEARD..... 1
 NO / NOT HEARD..... 2
 DON'T KNOW 3

A8 Aboriginal Reconciliation means different things to different people. In general though it refers to improving relations between Aboriginal people and other Australians. People's opinions vary widely about Reconciliation issues, and about the steps that could be taken to advance the process of Reconciliation.

I'm going to read out a number of things that have been said about different issues, and we'd like your opinion about these. For each one, please tell me if you personally agree, disagree, or neither agree nor disagree with it. Firstly...?

READ OUT A-C

IF AGREE Is that strongly agree or tend to agree?

IF DISAGREE Is that strongly disagree or tend to disagree?

	<u>STRONGLY AGREE</u>	<u>TEND TO AGREE</u>	<u>NEITHER</u>	<u>TEND TO DISAGREE</u>	<u>STRONGLY DISAGREE</u>	<u>DON'T KNOW</u>
A) IN THE PAST, ABORIGINAL PEOPLE WERE TREATED HARSHLY AND UNFAIRLY.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
B) THE NATION SHOULD FORMALLY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT AUSTRALIA WAS OCCUPIED WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
C) THE NATION SHOULD FORMALLY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ABORIGINAL PEOPLE WERE THE ORIGINAL OWNERS OF TRADITIONAL LANDS AND WATERS.....	1	2	3	4	5	6

A9 Here are some other things people have said. For each one, please tell me if you agree, disagree or neither agree nor disagree with it. Firstly...? **READ OUT A-G**

	<u>STRONGLY AGREE</u>	<u>TEND TO AGREE</u>	<u>NEITHER</u>	<u>TEND TO DISAGREE</u>	<u>STRONGLY DISAGREE</u>	<u>DON'T KNOW</u>
A) ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY, GOVERNMENTS SHOULD APOLOGISE TO ABORIGINAL PEOPLE FOR WHAT'S HAPPENED IN THE PAST.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
B) THERE SHOULD BE MORE EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS ABOUT ABORIGINAL CULTURE.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
C) THERE SHOULD BE MORE EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS ABOUT THE HISTORICAL EVENTS SURROUNDING ABORIGINAL PEOPLE.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
D) EVERYONE SHOULD STOP TALKING ABOUT THE WAY ABORIGINAL PEOPLE WERE TREATED IN THE PAST, AND JUST GET ON WITH THE FUTURE.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
E) DISADVANTAGE EXPERIENCED BY ABORIGINAL PEOPLE TODAY, IS MAINLY A RESULT OF THE WAY THEY WERE TREATED IN THE PAST.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
F) THE NATION SHOULD BE TRYING TO IMPROVE ABORIGINAL PEOPLE'S SITUATION CONCERNING HEALTH, EDUCATION, HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT AND SO ON.....	1	2	3	4	5	6
G) THE NATION SHOULD BE TRYING TO HELP ABORIGINAL PEOPLE BECOME MORE FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT AND SELF RELIANT.....	1	2	3	4	5	6

- A10 Thinking just about Aboriginal health, housing, education and employment. If the Government were deciding which one of those areas it should concentrate on the most, which one do you think it should be? Should it concentrate on providing assistance to Aboriginal people for...? **READ OUT 1-4** S/M
- HEALTH..... 1
HOUSING..... 2
EDUCATION..... 3
EMPLOYMENT..... 4
NONE / DON'T KNOW 5
- A11 Thinking now about native land title, by that we mean Aboriginal people re-claiming ownership of traditional lands and waters. In your opinion, should native land title claims be granted under certain circumstances, or not at all? CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES..... 1
NOT AT ALL..... 2
NEITHER/ DON'T KNOW 3
- A12 Now about the stolen generations. The stolen generation refers to Aboriginal children who were removed from their families and put into institutions. In your opinion, should financial compensation claims concerning the stolen generations be granted under certain circumstances, or not at all? CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES..... 1
NOT AT ALL..... 2
NEITHER/ DON'T KNOW 3
- A13 It's been suggested that Aboriginal people should have special seats in Federal Parliament. In-principle, do you believe Aboriginal people should, or should not have special seats in Parliament? SHOULD..... 1
SHOULD NOT 2
NEITHER / DON'T KNOW 3
- A14 Now about customary Aboriginal tribal laws. It's been suggested that in some cases Aboriginal people should be able to live by two types of laws: both the normal Australian laws, and also customary tribal laws. In your opinion, should Aboriginal people be able to live by both sets of laws **under certain circumstances**, or only ever the normal Australian laws? BOTH UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES 1
ONLY NORMAL AUSTRALIAN LAWS..... 2
NEITHER / DON'T KNOW 3
- A15 Some people have said a 'treaty' should be negotiated between Aboriginal people and other Australians. The treaty would be a legal agreement concerning things such as native title, compensation and the rights of Aboriginal people to control their own affairs. In-principle, without knowing the specific details, would you support or not support the idea of a treaty like that? YES / SUPPORT 1
NO / NOT SUPPORT 2
NEITHER / DON'T KNOW 3
- A16 Now a few questions about some historical events. To the best of your knowledge, when was it that Aboriginal people were first counted in the Census as part of the Australian population? Was it in...? **READ OUT 1-4**
- THE 1850'S..... 1
THE 1920'S..... 2
THE 1960'S..... 3
OR, HAVE ABORIGINE PEOPLE NEVER BEEN INCLUDED
IN THE CENSUS AS PART OF THE AUSTRALIAN POPULATION 4
DON'T KNOW 5
- A17 Thinking again about the stolen generations. As far as you know, when was it that the practice of removing Aboriginal children from their families is generally considered to have ceased. Was it...? **READ OUT 1-4**
- IN THE 1920'S 1
JUST AFTER WORLD WAR II..... 2
THE 1960'S..... 3
OR, THE 1980'S..... 4
DON'T KNOW 5
- A18 Now thinking about the Mabo (PRON: MAR-BO) case. As far as you're aware, which one of the following best describes the result of the Mabo case? Was it that...? **READ OUT 1-3** SR
- ABORIGINE PEOPLE WERE GIVEN
OWNERSHIP OF SOME LAND IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA 1
THE MABO CLAIM WAS REJECTED BY THE HIGH COURT 2
OR, IT RESULTED IN NATIVE TITLE CLAIMS
BEING ALLOWED UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES..... 3
NONE / DON'T KNOW 4

A19 As far as you're aware, which one of the following people is the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs? Is it...? **READ OUT 1-4**

	DARYL MELHAM.....	1	
	JOHN HERRON.....	2	
	ADEN RIDGEWAY	3	
	BOB MCMULLAN	4	
	NONE / DON'T KNOW	5	

A20 And which one of the following people is the current chair person for ATSIC? **READ OUT 1-4**

	GATJIL DJERRKURA (PRON: GAT-JIL JER-KOORA)	1	*	
	RAY ROBINSON	2	*	
	EVELYN SCOTT.....	3	*	A21
	GEOFF CLARK	4	*	
	NONE / DON'T KNOW	5	*	*
	NOT AWARE OF ATSIC	6	#	NEXT SECT

ASK IF NOT UNAWARE OF ATSIC IE CODE 1-5 IN A20. CODE 6 GO TO NEXT SECTION

A21 Thinking just about ATSIC. As far as you know, please tell me if you think each of the following statements about ATSIC is true or false? Firstly...? **READ OUT A-D**

	<u>TRUE</u>	<u>FALSE</u>	<u>DON'T KNOW</u>
A) ATSIC REPRESENTATIVES ARE DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED BY ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE.....	1	2	3
B) ATSIC IS RESPONSIBLE FOR EXPENDITURE OF ABOUT HALF OF ALL FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR INDIGENOUS PROGRAMS	1	2	3
C) ATSIC MONITORS THE PERFORMANCE OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES PROVIDING SERVICES TO ABORIGINAL PEOPLE.....	1	2	3
D) ATSIC OVERSEES COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRES THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA THAT ARE RUN BY ABORIGINAL PEOPLE	1	2	3

SECTION B - ASK ALL RESPONDENTS

- B1 Thinking now about the political system in Australia. Generally speaking, how interested are you in what's going on in politics in Australia? Would you say you are...? READ OUT 1-4
- | | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| VERY INTERESTED | 1 |
| SOMEWHAT INTERESTED..... | 2 |
| NOT PARTICULARLY INTERESTED.... | 3 |
| OR, NOT AT ALL INTERESTED | 4 |
| NONE / DON'T KNOW | 5 |

- B2 And generally speaking do you usually think of yourself as Liberal, Labor, National or what?
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|--------------------------------|---|-----------|----|
| | | <u>SR</u> | |
| THE LIBERAL PARTY | 1 | * | * |
| THE LABOR PARTY..... | 2 | * | |
| THE NATIONAL PARTY | 3 | * | |
| ----- | | | |
| THE AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRATS | 5 | * | B3 |
| THE GREENS | 6 | * | |
| ONE NATION | 7 | * | |
| OTHER | 4 | * | * |
| (SPECIFY)..... | | | |
| NONE / DON'T KNOW | 8 | # | B4 |

ASK IF NOMINATE PARTY IE CODE 1-7 IN B2. CODE 8 GO TO B4

- B3 Would you call yourself a very strong, moderately strong or not a strong supporter of...(PARTY IN B2)?
- | | |
|-------------------------|---|
| VERY STRONG..... | 1 |
| MODERATELY STRONG..... | 2 |
| NOT STRONG | 3 |
| NONE / DON'T KNOW | 4 |

ASK ALL RESPONDENTS

- B4 And now about social and welfare issues. On the whole would you say the Liberal Party, or the Labor Party, is more concerned about social and welfare issues, they are **equally** concerned, or do you not have much of an impression about that?
- | | |
|----------------------------------------|---|
| LIBERAL PARTY MORE..... | 1 |
| LABOR PARTY MORE | 2 |
| EQUALLY CONCERNED | 3 |
| NOT MUCH IMPRESSION / DON'T KNOW | 4 |
| NONE..... | 5 |

- B5 Now a few questions on two people who you may have heard of. Firstly, Meg Lees. As far as you know, is Meg Lees...? READ OUT 1-5
- | | | |
|--------------------------------------------|---|-----------|
| | | <u>SR</u> |
| PRESIDENT OF THE A.C.T.U. | 1 | |
| LEADER OF THE AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRATS..... | 2 | |
| A JUSTICE OF THE HIGH COURT | 3 | |
| A LABOR MEMBER OF FEDERAL PARLIAMENT | 4 | |
| OR, IS SHE NONE OF THESE..... | 5 | |
| DON'T KNOW | 6 | |

- B6 And now Michael Wooldridge. As far as you know, is Michael Wooldridge...? READ OUT 1-5
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|--------------------------------------|---|-----------|
| | | <u>SR</u> |
| A JUSTICE OF THE HIGH COURT | 1 | |
| A LABOR SENATOR | 2 | |
| THE FEDERAL MINISTER FOR HEALTH..... | 3 | |
| A SPOKESPERSON FOR ATSI..... | 4 | |
| OR, IS HE NONE OF THESE | 5 | |
| DON'T KNOW..... | 6 | |

SECTION C - ASK ALL RESPONDENTS

C1(a) Thinking now about your country of birth. Were you yourself born in Australia or were you born overseas?
RECORD UNDER "SELF"

ASK IF BORN OVERSEAS Were you born in an English speaking country or a non English speaking country?

	--C1(a)--		--C1(b)--
	SELF		PARENTS
	SR		MR
AUSTRALIA	1	* C1(b)	1

ASK IF BORN IN AUST. IE CODE 1 IN C1(a). CODE 2-5 GO TO C2

C1(b) Were both your parents born in Australia, or were either of them born overseas? **RECORD UNDER "PARENTS"**

ASK IF BORN OVERSEAS Is that born in a **mainly** English speaking country or a **mainly** non-English speaking country?
CLARIFY IF BOTH BORN OVERSEAS

OVERSEAS			
ENGLISH SPEAKING	2	# #	2
NON ENGLISH SPEAKING	3	#	3
DON'T KNOW	4	# C2	4
DON'T KNOW	5	# #	5

ASK ALL RESPONDENTS

C2 And are you personally of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island origin?

YES	1	#	C4
NO / DON'T KNOW	2	* C3	

ASK IF NOT ABORIGINAL / TORRES STRAIT ISLAND ORIGIN IE CODE 2 IN C2. CODE 1 GO TO C4

C3 Are any members of your immediate family or other relations, of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island origin?

YES	1
NO / DON'T KNOW	2

ASK ALL RESPONDENTS

C4 Do you personally have contact with people of Aboriginal origin either regularly or from time to time in any of the following ways? **READ OUT 1-2**

		<u>MR</u>
THROUGH WORK	1	
THROUGH FRIENDS	2	
NONE / DON'T KNOW	3	

C5 Thinking now about the area you live in. As far as you're aware, how many, if any, Aboriginal people live in or around your area. Would you say there are...? **READ OUT 1-4**

NONE	1
A FEW	2
QUITE A FEW	3
OR, A LOT	4
NONE / DON'T KNOW	5

THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS C6 OR C7

C8 To help us ensure we have a representative cross section could you please tell me how old you were when you completed your school education, not including any technical, college or university studies?

DID NOT ATTEND	01	
12 YEARS OR LESS	02	17 YEARS
13 YEARS	03	18 YEARS
14 YEARS	04	19+ YEARS
15 YEARS	05	STILL AT SCHOOL
16 YEARS	06	REFUSED
		07
		08
		09
		10
		11

C9 Which one of the following best describes the highest level of education you yourself have completed? **READ OUT 1-5**

PRIMARY SCHOOL	1
SOME SECONDARY SCHOOL	2
HSC OR MATRICULATION	3
COLLEGE, TECH OR UNIVERSITY	4
POST GRADUATE DEGREE	5
DON'T KNOW/REFUSED	6

C10 Are you personally in paid job...? **READ OUT 1-3**

FULL TIME	1	* C11
PART TIME	2	* *
OR, NOT AT ALL	3	# C12

ASK IF IN FULL / PART TIME EMPLOYMENT IE CODE 1-2 IN C10. CODE 3 GO TO C12

C11 Could you please tell me your occupation? _____

Could I also have your position or job title? _____

INTERVIEWER INFORMATION:
 If self employed – occupation and no. of employees?
 If Retired – Is that self funded or on a pension?
 If self funded Retiree – previous occupation?

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WHITE COLLAR	1
BLUE COLLAR	2

ASK ALL RESPONDENTS

C12 Is your household's combined annual income from all sources, before tax, under or over \$30,000? **PAUSE** Which one of the following groups best describes your household's combined annual income? **READ OUT 1-2 IF UNDER \$30,000 OR 3-4 IF OVER \$30,000**

INTERVIEWER INFORMATION	UNDER \$20,000 PA IS UNDER \$385 PER WEEK	LESS THAN \$20,000 1
	\$20,000-\$29,999 PA IS \$385-\$576 PER WEEK	\$20,000-\$29,999 2
	\$30,000-\$59,999 PA IS \$577-\$1,153 PER WEEK	\$30,000-\$59,999 3
	OVER \$60,000 PA IS OVER \$1,154 PER WEEK	\$60,000 OR MORE 4
		REFUSED 5
		DON'T KNOW 6

C13 Finally, one last important thing. We are inviting everyone who completes this interview to spend an expenses paid weekend in Canberra on February 16 to 18, 2001 discussing Reconciliation and talking with experts and political leaders about it.

The discussions will take place in Old Parliament House, and large portions of the weekend will be televised nationally by the ABC.

All travel, hotel, and meal expenses will be paid, and participants will also receive \$100 on top of that as a gesture of appreciation. We believe you'll find it fun, and an important opportunity to make your voice heard.

It doesn't matter if you don't know much about Reconciliation at this point. You are part of a scientific random sample, and we need your help to ensure that the sample represents the Australian population.

May we pass your name on to the organisers of the weekend so that they can give you more information and you can then decide whether you might like to go?

YES.....	1	*	C14
NO	2	#	#
DON'T KNOW.....	3	#	C15

C14 IF YES RECORD FULL NAME FROM FRONT PAGE AND CONFIRM TELEPHONE NUMBER AND RECORD BELOW

FIRST NAME: _____ SURNAME: _____

C15 And finally, can I please check that the number I rang was...? **RECORD CORRECT NUMBER BELOW**

RECORD TELEPHONE NUMBER (RIGHT JUSTIFY)

_____	_____	_____
	AREA CODE	NUMBER

Thank you for your time. Just to remind you my name is ... (NAME) from Newspoll. If you have any questions about this research you can telephone our office on (SYDNEY RESPONDENTS) (02) 9281 8100. (OTHER RESPONDENTS) 1800 646 526.

If you wish to check that my company is listed with the Market Research Society, you can call the Market Research Society Survey Line on 1300 36 48 30.

RECORD FINISH TIME _____

CALCULATE TOTAL LENGTH OF INTERVIEW & RECORD IN MINUTES _____

RECORD DAY OF INTERVIEW

MONDAY	1	FRIDAY	5
TUESDAY	2	SATURDAY	6
WEDNESDAY	3	SUNDAY	7
THURSDAY	4		

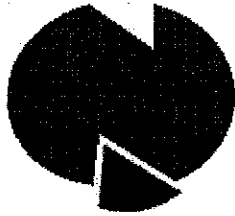
RECORD WHETHER FIRST CALL, SECOND CALL, ETC AND WHETHER BASED ON A PREVIOUSLY MADE APPOINTMENT.

1ST CALL.....	1
2ND CALL	2
3RD CALL	3
4TH CALL.....	4
CALLBACK / APPOINTMENT	5

I certify that this is a true, accurate and complete interview, conducted in accordance with IQCA standards and the ICC / ESOMAR code of conduct. I will not disclose to any other person the content of this questionnaire or any other information relating to this project.

INT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: ____/____/____ INT. NO: _____

POST-DELIBERATION SELF-COMPLETION QUESTIONNAIRE



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**Australia Deliberates On:
Australians Living Together
For The 21st Century**

Self Completion Questionnaire

The questions inside are about your own views on issues concerning relations between Indigenous Australians and other Australians.

Although "Indigenous Australians" includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, for the sake of simplicity, the term "Aboriginal people" is used throughout the questionnaire.

Please read each question carefully and circle the number which best represents your answer. The answers you give will be strictly confidential.

We hope you will find this questionnaire interesting and enjoyable. When you have finished answering all questions please give this questionnaire to your group facilitator.

Canberra
JN 010219
Version A

Section A

A1 How would you personally describe **general relations** between Aboriginal people and other Australians?

- Very good 1
- Quite good..... 2
- Fair 3
- Quite poor..... 4
- Very poor..... 5

A2 And compared with all the other issues facing Australia today, would you say improving relations between Aboriginal people and other Australians is...?

- One of the **most** important issues1
- It's important, but there are many other things that are more important2
- Or, overall, do you think improving relations is a fairly low priority3

A3 Considering Aboriginal people as a group in the community. Compared with other groups, do you tend to think of Aboriginal people as being disadvantaged, or not disadvantaged?

- Disadvantaged 1
- Not disadvantaged 2

A4 And thinking specifically about **living conditions**. **Generally**, to what extent would you say Aboriginal people are better off, worse off, or about the same as other Australians in terms of **living conditions**?

- Lot better off..... 1
- Little better off..... 2
- About the same..... 3
- Little worse off..... 4
- Lot worse off 5

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Following are a number of things that have been said about different issues, and we'd like your opinion about these. For each one, please tell us how much you personally agree or disagree with it.

	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Tend To Agree</u>	<u>Neither Agree nor Disagree</u>	<u>Tend To Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>
A) In the past, Aboriginal people were treated harshly and unfairly	1	2	3	4	5
B) The nation should formally acknowledge that Australia was occupied without the consent of Aboriginal people.....	1	2	3	4	5
C) The nation should formally acknowledge that Aboriginal people were the original owners of traditional lands and waters	1	2	3	4	5

A9 Here are some other things people have said. For each one, please tell us how much you personally agree or disagree with it.

	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Tend To Agree</u>	<u>Neither Agree nor Disagree</u>	<u>Tend To Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>
A) On behalf of the community, governments should apologise to Aboriginal people for what's happened in the past	1	2	3	4	5
B) There should be more education in Australian schools about Aboriginal culture	1	2	3	4	5
C) There should be more education in Australian schools about the historical events surrounding Aboriginal people	1	2	3	4	5
D) Everyone should stop talking about the way Aboriginal people were treated in the past, and just get on with the future.....	1	2	3	4	5
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E) Disadvantage experienced by Aboriginal people today, is mainly a result of the way they were treated in the past.....	1	2	3	4	5
F) The nation should be trying to improve Aboriginal people's situation concerning health, education, housing, employment and so on.....	1	2	3	4	5
G) The nation should be trying to help Aboriginal people become more financially independent and self reliant	1	2	3	4	5

A10 Thinking just about Aboriginal health, housing, education and employment. If the Government were deciding which one of those areas it should concentrate on the most, which one do you think it should be? One answer only please

- Health.....1
- Housing2
- Education3
- Employment4

A17 Thinking again about the stolen generations. As far as you know, when was it that the practice of removing Aboriginal children from their families is generally considered to have ceased? **One answer only please**

- In the 1920's 1
 Just after World War II 2
 The 1960's 3
 The 1980's 4

A18 Now thinking about the Mabo case. As far as you're aware, which one of the following best describes the result of the Mabo case? **One answer only please**

- Aboriginal people were given
 ownership of some land in Western Australia 1
 The Mabo claim was rejected by the high court 2
 It resulted in native title claims being allowed under certain circumstances 3

A19 As far as you're aware, which one of the following people is the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs? **One answer only please**

- Daryl Melham 1
 Phillip Ruddock 2
 Aden Ridgeway 3
 Bob McMullan 4

A20 And which one of the following people is the current chair person for ATSIC? **One answer only please**

- Gatjil Djerrkura 1
 Ray Robinson 2
 Evelyn Scott 3
 Geoff Clark 4

A21 Thinking just about ATSIC. As far as you know, please tell us if you think each of the following statements about ATSIC are true or false?

	<u>True</u>	<u>False</u>
ATSIC representatives are democratically elected by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.....	1	2
ATSIC is responsible for expenditure of about half of all Federal Government funding for Indigenous programs.....	1	2
ATSIC monitors the performance of government agencies providing services to Aboriginal people	1	2
ATSIC oversees community health centres throughout Australia that are run by Aboriginal people	1	2

B5 Now some questions about two people you may have heard of. Firstly, **Meg Lees**. As far as you know, which one of the following best describes Meg Lees? **One answer only please**

- President of the A.C.T.U..... 1
- Leader of the Australian Democrats 2
- A Justice of the High Court 3
- A Labor member of Federal Parliament..... 4
- Or, is she none of these..... 5

B6 And now **Michael Wooldridge**. As far as you know, which one of the following best describes Michael Wooldridge? **One answer only please**

- A Justice of the High Court..... 1
- A Labor Senator 2
- The Federal Minister for Health 3
- A spokesperson for ATSIC..... 4
- Or, is he none of these 5

C4 What key things do you think **non-indigenous** Australians need to do to improve relations between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians? **PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY:**

C5 Under what, if any, circumstances or conditions would you agree to each of the following things? **PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY:**

a) Compensation to members of the stolen generation?

b) Granting of native land title?

c) Tribal laws being applied in conjunction with, or in place of normal Australian laws?

D3 Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about the discussion groups.

	<u>Strongly Agree</u>	<u>Somewhat Agree</u>	<u>Neither Agree Nor Disagree</u>	<u>Somewhat Disagree</u>	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
A) The group leader provided the opportunity for everyone to participate in the discussion	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	6.....
B) The important aspects of each issue were covered in the group discussions	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	6.....
C) You found many of the comments of other group members useful in your thinking about the issues	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	6.....
D) The group leader often tried to influence the group with her or his own views.....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	6.....
E) You discovered that people with views very different from yours often had very good reasons for their views	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	6.....

D4 Now think back to the time after you were invited to this convention but before you arrived in Canberra this weekend. During this period how much did you do each of the following activities?

	<u>A little less than usual</u>	<u>About the same as usual</u>	<u>A little more than usual</u>
A) Talked with others about Reconciliation issues.....	1.....	2.....	3.....
B) Read about Reconciliation issues in newspapers and magazines.....	1.....	2.....	3.....
C) Watched the news or other current affairs programs on television	1.....	2.....	3.....

D5 During that time period, about how much time did you spend reading the discussion materials that were sent to you.

- Just glanced at the materials 1
- Read less than half of the materials..... 2
- Read about half of the materials 3
- Read more than half of the materials..... 4
- Read most or all of the materials 5

D6 Did you think the discussion materials were mostly balanced, or that they clearly favoured some positions over others.

- Mostly balanced..... 1
- Favoured some positions over others..... 2
- Don't know 3

Thank you very much for all of your help.

Now, please hand this questionnaire back to your group facilitator.