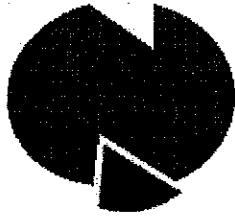


POST-DELIBERATION SELF-COMPLETION QUESTIONNAIRE



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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.

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

- 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.

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
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.