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RACE HAS NO PLACE IN THE CONSTITUTION

"The radical attempt to divide Australians in our national constitution is wrong and it will be rejected by the Australian people," says Simon Breheny, Director of Policy at the free market think tank the Institute of Public Affairs.

The Referendum Council today delivered its recommendations to Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Opposition Leader Bill Shorten, that there should be a referendum to enshrine an indigenous voice in the constitution.

"The proposal to create a new constitutional arm of the Australian government that excludes all but one race is illiberal, undemocratic and divisive."

"The suggestion that every indigenous Australian can or should be represented by a single body is also deeply patronising. Indigenous Australians deserve better than constitutionally enshrined condescension."

"All Australians are equal under the Australian constitution."

"The spirit of egalitarianism runs strong in the Australian community. For this reason any referendum proposal seeking to insert race into the constitution will fail."

"Race has no place in the Australian constitution," said Mr Breheny.

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