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IPA WELCOMES INDIGENOUS RECOGNITION COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Institute of Public Affairs welcomes the announcement of a bipartisan advisory council on constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

“The IPA believes that all Australians are equal. The Australian Constitution should make no reference to race or ethnicity,” says Simon Breheny, Director of Race Has No Place at free market think tank the Institute of Public Affairs.

“Two current sections in the Constitution refer to race – sections 25 and 51(26). These sections should be deleted, and no new sections referring to race should be added into the Constitution.”

The IPA has produced a booklet – *Race has no place* – which outlines the positive case for equality in the Australian Constitution.

“Australia’s success as a free and prosperous country is founded on the idea that all humans are of equal worth. All Australians, regardless of their ethnic background, must be treated equally by government and the law. The Australian Constitution should reflect this,” says Mr Breheny.

The IPA is looking forward to actively engaging with the council ahead of a potential referendum regarding the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

To find out more, visit www.racehasnoplacement.org.au.

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