

Biographical notes

Richard Ah Mat was Executive Director of the Cape York Land Council at the time of writing.

Professor Larissa Behrendt is Professor of Law and Director of Research at the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning at the University of Technology, Sydney.

Steven Churches is a senior lecturer at the University of Adelaide Law School, and has a national public law Bar practice based in that city. His clients in the High Court have included Robert Bropho, the Bakhtiyari children, Ah Hin Teoh, Snowy Judamia and Crow Yougarla.

Ravi de Costa is a Research Fellow in the Institute on Globalization and the Human Condition, at McMaster University in Canada. For the last three years he has been co-ordinating an interdisciplinary project on 'Globalization, autonomy and Indigenous peoples'. In 2006, his book *A higher authority: Indigenous transnationalism and Australia*, was published by UNSW Press.

Mick Dodson is a Yawuru man from Broome in Western Australia. He is presently the director of the National Centre for Indigenous Studies at the Australian National University. He is a long time advocate for the rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Dr William Jonas AM is a Worimi man from the Karuah River area of New South Wales. He was the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner with the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission from 1999 to 2004. He was previously Director of the National Museum of Australia and Principal of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies. He has held academic positions in Australia and overseas. In 1993 he was made a Member of the Order of Australia for his contribution to preserving Aboriginal culture and heritage.

Edde Mabo Jnr is the son of Edward Koiki Mabo

Greg McConville has worked in a range of policy, advocacy and consulting roles for government, community and union organisations. At the time of writing, Greg was Policy and Research Officer with the National Tertiary Education Union. Greg is now Industrial Officer for the United Firefighters Union of Australia (Victoria Branch).

Greg McIntyre SC is a Barrister based in Perth and Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Notre Dame, Fremantle, where he teaches Constitutional Law and Indigenous Law. He was involved with the establishment of the Aboriginal Legal Service of WA in 1973-74 and the Njiku Jowan Legal Service in Cairns in 1983. He had the conduct of the Mabo case from 1982-1992 and *Koowarta v Bjelke Petersen* from 1981-88 and has had a substantial practice in native title and human rights cases in the years since.

Hon David Malcolm AC QC retired as Chief Justice of Western Australia on 7 February 2006. He is now Professor at the School of Law, University of Notre Dame, Western Australia.

Dr Gary D. Meyers is Professor of Law at Murdoch University School of Law, where he has held the positions of Associate Dean/Research and Chair of the LLM and Post-Graduate Studies Programs. He has a long background in Indigenous Land Rights issues. He is currently the Director of the Law School's Indigenous Lands: Rights, Governance and Environmental Management Project. From 1995-97 he was the inaugural Director of the National Native Title Tribunal Legal Research Unit and in 1996 was Director of the Tribunal's Research Division.

Garth Nettheim is Emeritus Professor of Law at the University of NSW. Much of his teaching and research has been in the areas of Indigenous legal issues and also human rights law. He helped to establish the Indigenous Law Centre, the Australian Human Rights Centre, and the Diplomacy Training Program.

Dr Roderic Pitty is a Lecturer in Political Science and International Relations at UWA with extensive experience assisting barristers in the investigation of Aboriginal deaths in custody, particularly in NSW. Together with Robert Cavanagh, he wrote *Too Much Wrong: A report on the death of Edward James Murray*, which led to new evidence of Eddie Murray's broken sternum being discovered following an exhumation. Dr Pitty has also conducted research in Aotearoa New Zealand on the Waitangi Tribunal and its relevance for Australia.

Professor Peter Read is Deputy Director of the National Centre for Indigenous Studies, Australian National University, and the Chairperson of *Aboriginal History*.

Professor Bob Reece is Professor in History at Murdoch University, Western Australia. He established himself as an authority on Aboriginal history with the publication in 1974 of *Aborigines and Colonists* and was a co-founder of the journal *Aboriginal History* in 1977 with the late Diane Barwick. He subsequently published a number of articles on early Aboriginal-European relations in the Perth area, notably the seminal 'Inventing Aborigines', and was a major contributor to the Encyclopedia of Aboriginal Australia. In 2002 he was a member of the organising committee for the Treaty - Advancing Reconciliation Conference at Murdoch University in October 2002. Most recently he has been working on a book based on the letters of Daisy Bates.

Tim Rowse is Head of the History Program in the Research School of Social Sciences, ANU. He is interested in the history of Australian public policy and particularly in the political history of Australia's colonial processes. His contribution to this book arises from his work on the life of HC Coombs, research that produced his *Obligated to be difficult* (2000) and *Nugget: a reforming life* (2002).

The Hon Justice Simmonds has been a member of the Supreme Court of Western Australia since February 2004. Prior to that time, most of his professional career had been spent as a legal academic, in both Australia and Canada. In recent times his interest in indigenous issues stemmed from his involvement, prior to his appointment to the bench, in the Law Reform Commission of Western Australia's project on Aboriginal Customary Law.

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