

PANEL 1





**Dr Michelle Bachelet UN High** Commissioner for Human Rights



Dr Julia Baird Journalist, broadcaster, columnist and political commentator



**Emeritus Professor** Rosalind Croucher AM, President, Australian Human Rights Commission



**FIRESIDE CHAT** 

Hakeem al-Araibi Community and Human Rights Advocate, Football Victoria

Time	Program	Details
8.30 - 9.00	REGISTRATION	Coffee and networking
9.00 - 930	OPENING	Welcome to Country, Uncle Chicka Madden Opening remarks - Dr Julia Baird, MC The National Conversation: where has the dialogue taken us this year? - Emeritus Professor Rosalind Croucher, President, Australian Human Rights Commission
9.30- 10.20	PANEL 1  Advance Australia Where? Indigenous Australia in the 21st Century	Topics will include:  How do we ensure government accountability and action on Closing the Gap targets?  Ensuring that Indigenous selfdetermination is supported through Indigenous-led policy and program design  Developing a national identity that recognises Indigenous culture and our shared history  Moderator:  Brooke Boney  Panellists:  Professor Mick Dodson  Teela Reid  Professor Helen Milroy
10.20 - 11.00	morning tea	
11.00 - 11.50	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b>	Dr Michelle Bachelet, United Nations



**Brooke Boney** Reporter, TODAY Show



Northern Territory Treaty Commissioner



Teela Reid Lawyer, human rights advocate and activist

Professor Helen Milroy Director of the Centre for Aboriginal Medical and Dental Health, University of Western

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10.20 - 11.00	MORNING TEA	
11.00 - 11.50	KEYNOTE ADDRESS  Australia's human rights journey in a global context	Dr Michelle Bachelet, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Q&A moderated by Dr Julia Baird
11.50 - 12.45	PANEL 2 Unity in Diversity: Can human rights be our common ground?	Topics will include:  The role of business and sporting communities in protecting human rights  Listening to voices of the marginalised, including those in rural communities and persons with a disability  Building understanding and awareness of human rights at the community level Moderator:  Craig Foster  Panellists:  Sam Mostyn  Cathy McGowan AO  Eliza Hull



**Craig Foster** Former Socceroo, Broadcaster, Sport and Human Rights Advocate



Australia

Eliza Hull ABC Producer, Access and Inclusion Coordinator Arena Theatre

12.45 - 2.00

LUNCH



Cathy McGowan AO Former Independent MP, women's rights advocate and community worker



Sam Mostyn Non-Executive Director and sustainability advisor

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2.00 - 2.50	PANEL 3 Freedom To vs Freedom From: Balancing competing rights	Topics will include:  Balancing human rights when they conflict Indivisible, interdependent, interrelated: what does that mean in practice?  Overcoming difference through a universal concept Moderator: Professor George Williams AO Panellists:  Nyadol Nyuon The Hon Catherine Branson AC QC The Hon Susan Ryan AO
2.50 - 3.15	FOOD FOR THOUGHT: The power of mobilising international support and the experiences of refugees and asylum seekers globally	Fireside chat: Craig Foster and Hakeem al-Araibi in conversation
3.15 - 3.45	AFTERNOON TEA	
3.45 - 4.35	PANEL Y Looking to the future	Topics will include:  What are our biggest, immediate challenges?  Threat and opportunities in a digital world  Human rights language and education – thinking outside the box  Moderator: Emily Dash  Panellists:  Marlee Silva  Aisheeya Huq  Frank Hooper
4.35 - 4.45	Final remarks and the	Closing remarks - <b>Dr Julia Baird</b> , MC



Scientia Professor George Williams AO Dean of UNSW Law



**Nyadol Nyuon**Award winning human rights advocate and



Catherine Branson AC QC Chair of the Board of the Human Rights Law Centre and Deputy Chancellor of the University of Adelaide



Susan Ryan AO
Former Age
Discrimination
and Disability
Commissioner at the
Australian Human
Rights Commission
and freelance
advocate for the
rights of older people

PANEL 4



Emily Dash Artist and advocate



**Aisheeya Huq**Media Spokesperson,
School Strike 4
Climate Action



Marlee Silva Founder of Tiddas 4 Tiddas



Frank Hooper CEO of Keep Talking NT

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Where the conversation can take us from

Croucher, President, Australian Human

here - Emeritus Professor Rosalind

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# Free and Equal: An Australian Conversation on Human Rights

### The Project

This 'Free and Equal' Conference is one part of a bigger project known as the National Conversation. Through the National Conversation, the Australian Human Rights Commission is exploring what makes an effective system of human rights protection for 21st century Australia?

The Commission will release a roadmap for national human rights reform in mid-2020.

#### How can you be involved?

The Commission wants to hear your thoughts on what an effective human rights framework looks like.

The Commission has released an Issues Paper and three more technical discussion papers to provide context and outline some of the Commission's initial thinking on relevant areas. Alongside the Issues Paper, the Commission has released the following:

- Discussion paper: Priorities for federal discrimination law reform
- Discussion paper: A model for positive human rights reform in Australia
- Discussion paper: Ensuring effective national accountability for human rights

You can read the papers here: https://www.humanrights.gov.au/free-and-equal

You are invited to express your views on any or all of the questions posed in any of the papers. Written submissions will be accepted until 8 November 2019. If you have any questions about the submissions process or would like to hear about opportunities to be involved in consultations please get in touch at freeandequal@humanrights.gov.au



