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HUMAN RIGHTS

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Dr Michelle Bachelet
UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

MC



Dr Julia Baird
Journalist, broadcaster, columnist and political commentator

PRESIDENT AHRC



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

FIRESIDE CHAT



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

PANEL 1



Brooke Boney
Reporter, TODAY Show



Professor Mick Dodson
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 Australia

PANEL 2



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



Eliza Hull
ABC Producer, Access and Inclusion Coordinator Arena Theatre



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



Sam Mostyn
Non-Executive Director and sustainability advisor

Time	Program	Details
8.30 - 9.00	REGISTRATION	Coffee and networking
9.00 - 9.30	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do we ensure government accountability and action on Closing the Gap targets? Ensuring that Indigenous self-determination 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professor Mick Dodson Teela Reid Professor Helen Milroy
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sam Mostyn Cathy McGowan AO Eliza Hull
12.45 - 2.00	LUNCH	

Time	Program	Details
2.00 - 2.50	<p>PANEL 3</p> <p>Freedom To vs Freedom From: Balancing competing rights</p>	<p>Topics will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balancing human rights when they conflict Indivisible, interdependent, interrelated: what does that mean in practice? Overcoming difference through a universal concept <p>Moderator: Professor George Williams AO</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nyadol Nyuon The Hon Catherine Branson AC QC The Hon Susan Ryan AO
2.50 - 3.15	<p>FOOD FOR THOUGHT:</p> <p>The power of mobilising international support and the experiences of refugees and asylum seekers globally</p>	<p>Fireside chat: Craig Foster and Hakeem al-Araibi in conversation</p>
<p>3.15 - 3.45 AFTERNOON TEA</p>		
3.45 - 4.35	<p>PANEL 4</p> <p>Looking to the future</p>	<p>Topics will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are our biggest, immediate challenges? Threat and opportunities in a digital world Human rights language and education – thinking outside the box <p>Moderator: Emily Dash</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marlee Silva Aisheeya Huq Frank Hooper
4.35 - 4.45	<p>Final remarks and the path forward</p>	<p>Closing remarks - Dr Julia Baird, MC Where the conversation can take us from here - Emeritus Professor Rosalind Croucher, President, Australian Human Rights Commission</p>

PANEL 3



Scientia Professor George Williams AO
Dean of UNSW Law



Nyadol Nyuon
Award winning human rights advocate and lawyer



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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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?

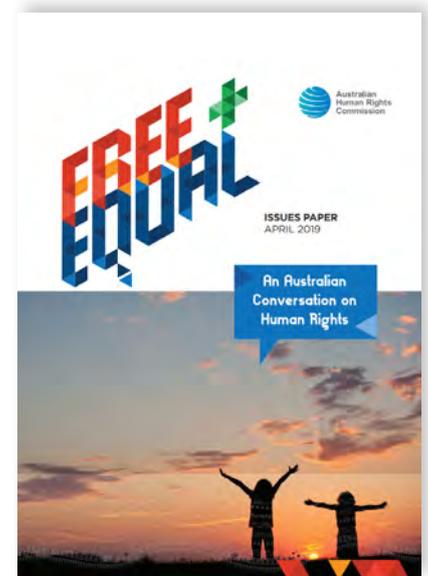
The Commission wants to hear your thoughts on what an effective human rights framework looks like.

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



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