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Constitution Amendment (Recognition of Aboriginal People) Bill 2010

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I certify that this public bill, which originated in the Legislative Assembly, has finally passed the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales.

Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. Legislative Assembly, Sydney, , 2010



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Act No , 2010

An Act to amend the *Constitution Act 1902* to provide for the recognition in that Act of the Aboriginal people of New South Wales.

I have examined this bill and find it to correspond in all respects with the bill as finally passed by both Houses.

Assistant Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:

1 Name of Act

This Act is the Constitution Amendment (Recognition of Aboriginal People) Act 2010.

2 Commencement

This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act.

3 Amendment of Constitution Act 1902 No 32

The Constitution Act 1902 is amended by inserting after section 1 the following section (and repealing existing section 2 and the First Schedule):

2 Recognition of Aboriginal people

- (1) Parliament, on behalf of the people of New South Wales, acknowledges and honours the Aboriginal people as the State's first people and nations.
- (2) Parliament, on behalf of the people of New South Wales, recognises that Aboriginal people, as the traditional custodians and occupants of the land in New South Wales:
 - (a) have a spiritual, social, cultural and economic relationship with their traditional lands and waters, and
 - (b) have made and continue to make a unique and lasting contribution to the identity of the State.
- (3) Nothing in this section creates any legal right or liability, or gives rise to or affects any civil cause of action or right to review an administrative action, or affects the interpretation of any Act or law in force in New South Wales.