

**TIME TO END 10 YEARS OF INTERVENTION
IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY
STATEMENT FROM EMINENT AUSTRALIANS**

A large group of eminent Australians across the fields of law, health, academia and the arts are calling on the Federal Government to heed the pleas by [Indigenous Elders](#) for an immediate end to discriminatory policies in the Northern Territory and elsewhere.

Their statement, to be launched at the Melbourne Law School on Monday, 28 August 2017, says that ten years of Federal Government Intervention in the Northern Territory illustrates the continuing discrimination, racism and lack of justice towards Indigenous people.

A strong call on government to listen carefully and negotiate respectfully on measures of genuine self-determination carries the names of distinguished former jurists including Elizabeth Evatt AC, Alastair Nicholson AO RFD QC, Frank Vincent AO QC and Ian Viner AO QC, the former Minister for Aboriginal Affairs in the Fraser Government.

Among prominent Indigenous voices supporting the statement are former NT Australian of the Year, Rosalie Kunoth-Monks OAM; Dr D. Gondarra OAM, spokesperson for the Yolngu Nations Assembly; Stephen Page AO, Artistic Director of Bangarra Dance Company and Professor Chris Sarra, a member of the Prime Minister’s Indigenous Advisory Council.

The statement will be launched with remarks by the immediate past president of the Australian Human Rights Commission, Emeritus Professor Gillian Triggs and Professor Jon Altman AM of Deakin University.

Rosalie Kunoth-Monks and Dr Gondarra will be among Elders travelling to Melbourne from the Northern Territory to address the launch event.

When: Monday, 28 August, 2017

Time: 5.15pm - 7.15pm

Venue: Melbourne Law School
G08 Theatre, 185 Pelham Street
Map [here](#)

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