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Act No 75, 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. [Assented to 25 October 2010]

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.

[Agreement in principle speech made in Legislative Assembly on 8 September 2010

Second reading speech made in Legislative Council on 19 October 2010]

BY AUTHORITY