



First Nations Peoples' Truth & Justice Commissions

What are they? How do they operate? What are the legal issues?

Date: Wednesday 24 November 2021
Time: 6:00pm – 7:15pm AEDT
Place: Online and at Court No 1, Federal Court, 305 William Street, Melbourne (restrictions permitting) – this is a free event and a link will be provided prior

In May 2021 the Victorian Government appointed five Commissioners to constitute a truth-telling Royal Commission, the Yoo-rrook¹ Justice Commission. The Commission is Indigenous led. Three Commissioners are from the First Peoples of Victoria and one is from the First Peoples of Tasmania. The Commission is to inquire into historic and on-going systemic injustice perpetrated against First Peoples since the Colonisation of Victoria.

The Australian Academy of Law is delighted to host this event, chaired by the Hon Pamela Tate SC.

The Speakers will be:



Professor the Hon Kevin Bell AM QC, a Commissioner of the Yoo-rrook Justice Commission and Executive Director of the Castan Centre for Human Rights Law, Monash University. He was a judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria for 15 years.

Dr Wayne Atkinson, a proud Yorta Yorta/Dja Dja Wurrung man and a Commissioner of the Yoo-rrook Justice Commission. He is a Traditional Owner and Senior Elder of the Yorta Yorta and Dja Dja Wurrung peoples. He was the principal claimant in the Yorta Yorta Native Title Claim.



Professor Kate O'Regan, a former judge of the Constitutional Court of South Africa and now the Professor of Human Rights Law and the inaugural Director of the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights, Oxford University.

To register for this event visit www.academyoflaw.org.au/events

¹ Yoo-rrook means 'truth' in the Wemba Wemba/Wamba Wamba language that is spoken in the north-west region of Victoria.