



**Opening remarks**

**Commemorating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the decision in**

***Mabo v Queensland (No 2)***

**Boodjar: Kwadjat, Yeye and Boorda**

**The Honourable Justice Peter Quinlan**

**Chief Justice of Western Australia**

1 June 2022

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Welcome to this gathering this evening, the first in a series of events commemorating and reflecting on the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the decision of the High Court of Australia in *Mabo v Queensland (No 2)*.

I commence by acknowledging the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation and pay my respects to their elders past, present and emerging.

I also acknowledge:

the Yued people of the Noongar nation

the Ballardong people of the Noongar nation

the Ngaala Karla Booja people of the Noongar nation

the South West Boojarah people of the Noongar nation

the Wagyl Kaip and Southern people of the Noongar nation

the Badimia people of the Mid-West

the Nharnuwangga Wajarri people of the Upper Gascoyne

the Spinifex people of the Central Desert

the Tjurabalan people of the Kimberley

the Kiwirrkurra people of the Central Desert

the Yawuru people of the Kimberley

the Karajarri people of the Kimberley

the Miriuwung-Gajerrong people of the East Kimberley

the Wanjina - Wunggurr Wilinggin people of the Kimberley

the Yindjibarndi people of the Pilbara  
the Ngaanyatjarra Lands people of the Central Desert  
the Bardi and Jawi peoples of the Kimberley  
the Guruma people of the East Pilbara  
the Noonkanbah people of the Kimberley  
the Ngarla people of the Pilbara  
the Ngururra people of the Central Desert  
the Ngurrara people of the Kimberley  
the Birriliburu people of the Central Desert  
the Thalanyji people of the Pilbara  
the Ngangumarta people of the Pilbara and Kimberley  
the Thudgari people of the Pilbara  
the Unguu people of the East Kimberley  
the Dambimangari people of the Kimberley  
the Martu and Karnapirri peoples of the Pilbara and Central Desert  
the Gooniyandi people of the Kimberley  
the Wiluna people of the Central Desert  
the Balangarra people of the Kimberley  
the Banjima people of the Pilbara  
the Nyikina Mangala people of the Kimberley  
the Ngadju people of the Goldfields  
the Pilki people of the Central Desert  
the Jurruru people of the Pilbara  
the Puutu Kunti Kurrama people and Pinikura people of the Pilbara  
the Kurungal people of the Kimberley  
the Ngarluma people of the Pilbara  
the Bunuba people of the Kimberley  
the Ngurra Kyanta people of the Central Desert

the Kulyakartu people of the Central Desert  
the Yarrangi Riwi Yoowarni Gooniyandi people of the Kimberley  
the Kuruma Marthudunera people of the Pilbara  
the Ngarlawangga people of the Central Desert and Pilbara  
the Tjiwarl people of the Central Desert  
the Yinhawangka people of the Central Desert and Pilbara  
the Yilka and Sullivan/Edwards people of the Central Desert  
the Budina people of the Gascoyne  
the Wajarri Yamatji people of the Gascoyne and Central Desert  
the Mirning people of the Central Desert and Goldfields  
the Gingirana people of the Central Desert  
the Yi-Martuwarra Ngurrara people of the Kimberley  
the Nyul-Nyul people of the Kimberley  
the Nimanbur people of the Kimberley  
the Yaburura and Mardudhunera people of the Pilbara  
the Manta Rirrtinya people of the Central Desert  
the Nyiyaparli people of the Pilbara  
the Mayala people of the Kimberley  
the Lappi and Ngulupi people of the Central Desert  
the Nanda people of the Mid West  
the Malgana people of the Gascoyne  
the Kariyarra people of the Kimberley and Pilbara  
the Giniyawarni Yoowaniya Riwi people of the Kimberley  
the Goorring people of the East Kimberley  
the Palyku people of the Pilbara  
the Thiin-Mah, Warriyangka, Tharrkari and Jiwari peoples of Pilbara  
the Ngarrawanji people of the Kimberley  
the Malarngowem people of the Kimberley

the Yurriyngem Taam people of the Kimberley  
the Nyamal people of the Pilbara  
the Kultju people of the Central Desert  
the Gnulli (Yinggarda, Baiyungu and Thalanyji) people of the Gascoyne  
the Birriman-gan people of the Kimberley  
the Jabirr Jabirr/Ngumbarl people of the Kimberley  
the Untiri Pulka people of the Central Desert  
the Boorroola Moorrool people of the Kimberley  
the Warrwa people of the Kimberley  
the Joombarn-Buru people of the Kimberley  
the Yugunga-Nya people of the Central Desert, and  
the Nangaanya-ku people of the Central Desert.

I could not have done that were it not for the decision of the High Court in *Mabo v Queensland (No 2)*.

Thank you for your attention.