

Use the sources provided to answer Question 11.

**Constitutional recognition of Indigenous peoples**

1982	1988	1995	2008	2009	?
Canada	Norway	Finland	Ecuador	Bolivia	Australia

**An Indigenous Australian's view of Constitutional recognition**

'What I would like to see within the Constitution ... is a very broad, encompassing principle of equality and equal rights that recognises Aboriginal People as having unique rights as well as human rights and citizenship rights – a broad principle but one that also recognises our unique position in Australia.'

Ms Thomas, extract from Transcript of Evidence,  
*Reforming our Constitution: A roundtable discussion*,  
House of Representatives, Canberra, 2008

- 11 The Australian Government is considering the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the Australian Constitution. 6

To what extent can government initiatives like this address the social justice experiences of Indigenous peoples in Australia and other countries?

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Social Justice needs to be addressed.  
They can to a large extent  
address social justice. Although  
they will need Australia to vote.  
Indigenous people need  
to be recognised in the  
Australian constitution. This  
gives them equality, more  
rights and self determination.