

Use the sources provided to answer Question 11.

Constitutional recognition of Indigenous peoples

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| 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.

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

Government initiatives like ^{this} would significantly help the lives of the disadvantaged Indigenous communities of any country because their is a voice that would recognise Indigenous people and listen to what they have to say like their community is struggling because of a certain problem and this problem would get fixed quicker because they would be talking to a person with a high rank in the constitution. They can address certain issues like over indigenous populated prisons and access to clean water, housing, employment, Education etc.