

**ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLES:
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Human rights and self-determination Forum

AGENDA

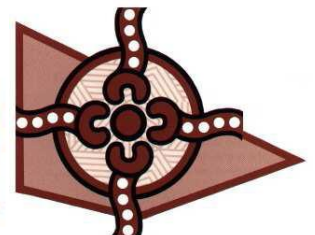
Wednesday 12 May 2010

10.00am-1.00pm

Aborigines Advancement League—2 Watt Street, Thornbury

- 10.00am** **Welcome to Country**
- 10.05am** **Introduction**
Frank Guiverra, CEO, Victorian Aboriginal Legal Service
- 10.15am** **Professor Larissa Behrendt**
Larissa is a Eualeyai/Kamillaori woman who is Professor of Law and Director of Research at Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning, University of Technology , Sydney
Human rights and Self determination
How human rights have meaning for Aboriginal community controlled organisations and Aboriginal Victorians?
What does self determination mean and the impact of its potential inclusion in the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities on Aboriginal Victorians?

Copies of Prof Behrendt's paper, *Indigenous Self-Determination and the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities- A framework for Discussion*, completed for the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission are available today.
- 10.55am** **Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act – Training (pto)**
Emily Howie, Human Rights Law Resource Centre
- 11.25am** **Morning tea**
- 11.40am** **Self determination workshops and discussion (pto)**
- 12.25pm** **Thank you**
Carolyn Atkins, Deputy Director, VCOSS
- 12.30pm** **Lunch**
- 1.00pm** **Close**



Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act – Training

Ben Schokam, Human Rights Law Resource Centre

What is the Charter?

What is the relevance of the Charter to Aboriginal Victorians and Aboriginal Community controlled organisations?

What is the responsibility of Aboriginal Community Controlled organisations under the Charter?

How can Aboriginal Victorians and Aboriginal Community Controlled organisations use the Charter?

Self determination workshops

Facilitated groups at tables

What does self determination mean for you?

What is the role of Aboriginal Community Controlled organisations in self determination? How can these organisations be strengthened?

What impact do the barriers to achieving self determination have on Aboriginal Victorians the their communities?

Are human rights and the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities useful?

How can self determination be achieved?

How do you want to be consulted about human rights, including the right to self determination and economic and social rights in 2011 when the Victorian Charter will be reviewed?

