

Media release

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Arnold Bloch Leibler launches Reconciliation Action Plan initiative and Public Interest Law Report

Arnold Bloch Leibler will launch its Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) initiative at a luncheon on Monday 28 May.

The launch coincides with Reconciliation Week and the 40th anniversary of the 1967 referendum where eligible Australians overwhelmingly voted to include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the national census.

Once finalised, the Action Plan will be monitored by the firm's Reconciliation Working Group and will feature key initiatives to build on the firm's work in Indigenous capacity building, and will serve to promote Reconciliation Action Plans to other organisations.

Mark Leibler, Senior Partner at Arnold Bloch Leibler and Co-Chair of Reconciliation Australia, will officially launch the initiative.

At the luncheon, Arnold Bloch Leibler's Public Interest law partner, Peter Seidel, will also launch the firm's 2007 Public Interest Law Report, which features a review of the firm's work over the last financial year, principally in support of Jewish, Indigenous, environmental and other not-for-profit causes.

This will be followed by a brief address from Ian Smith, Chair of Jirrawun Arts, which promotes Gija artists. Ian will speak on behalf of the firm's public interest law Indigenous clients. The Neminuwarlin performance group, which promotes Gija dancers, will also perform.

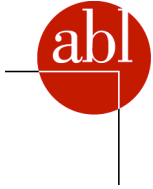
The report reveals that in 2005/6 the firm undertook the financial equivalent of \$1.5 million of public interest legal services, or more than 4200 hours of work, with nearly a third of the time spent supporting Indigenous causes.

Peter Seidel said: "The report provides a focussed snapshot of the firm's public interest law work in support of a diverse range of charitable and community groups. In highlighting the extraordinary achievements of our clients, the report underscores the value to us and the community of their selfless work.

"Case studies of a range of our public interest law clients, including Jirrawun Arts and Health, the Australian Conservation Foundation, the Jewish Holocaust Museum and Research Centre, and Comic Relief, give an overview of our long and strong working connections and the remarkable breadth of our clients' contributions to improve civil society".

A copy of the report will be available on the day.

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About Arnold Bloch Leibler

Arnold Bloch Leibler is a leading commercial law firm with offices in Melbourne and Sydney. The firm represents a wide range of individuals and corporate clients, including high-net-worth individuals and entrepreneurs, large family businesses and blue-chip corporations. Arnold Bloch Leibler also has a dedicated pro bono practice providing advice on social, environmental and cultural issues to more than 100 charitable and not-for-profit organisations.

Arnold Bloch Leibler is particularly known for its expertise in commercial law, litigation and dispute resolution, taxation and property. The firm also has an expanding presence in trade practices law. In these areas, the firm has been involved in many landmark matters and transactions.