

National Indigenous Legal Conference 2023: Call for Papers

Background

The National Indigenous Legal Conference (**NILC**) is an annual gathering of Indigenous and non-Indigenous legal practitioners, academics, students and activists with a focus on Indigenous law and legal issues.

The [16th National Indigenous Legal Conference](#) will be hosted by [Ngalaya](#) (*nar-lee-ah*) at **Wesley Conference Centre**, on Gadigal Country, Sydney 16-17 October 2023. Proceedings will be recorded and live-streamed for virtual attendees.

Conference theme and sub-themes

The theme of this year's conference is **Recognition and Reckoning** - with a core focus on First Nations self-determination and the pursuit of justice. Keynote speakers will include leading Indigenous academics, practitioners and activists.

We [welcome paper abstracts and workshop/panel-discussion proposals](#) from Indigenous and non-Indigenous legal practitioners, academics and activists that engage with the conference theme and the below sub-topics:

- *First Nations futures and Indigenous self-determination*
- *Reforms post-referendum: treaty and truth telling processes*
- *Racism in sport: protecting First Nations athletes*
- *Police accountability*
- *Strengthening and protecting Indigenous children*
- *First Nations lawyering*
- *Indigenous laws, legal pluralism and First Nations justice*

Paper submissions process

1 May: Call for papers open - [submit here](#)

Papers accepted on a rolling basis

15 Jul: Submissions close

Early Aug: Conference agenda set

Any questions about the call for papers process and themes can be directed to Jason O'Neil, Executive Director of Ngalaya: jason.oneil@ngalaya.org.au