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**[VIDEO TITLE] Referendum Council:** First Nations Regional Dialogue Ross River, 31 March – 2 April 2017

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*Barb Shaw:* One of the things we are really fortunate about in central Australia that many of Indigenous people are multi linguist

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*Barb Shaw:* and speak 3, 4, 5 Aboriginal languages

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*Barb Shaw:* The challenge though is

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*Barb Shaw:* when you’re going through a process in talking about the constitution

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*Barb Shaw:* And of course constitution discussions always include lots of legal jargon,

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*Barb Shaw:* very complex English wording and terminology, which are extremely foreign to Aboriginal languages

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*Barb Shaw:* That’s the challenge

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*Barb Shaw:* but it’s been really interesting the way people have actually worked through that, where they are actually using examples and relaying and relating examples back to actually

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*Barb Shaw:* cultural structures and cultural laws to make the parallels to get some of that understanding happening

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*Barb Shaw:* And that’s been fantastic and that’s what’s worked

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*David Ross:* Most people participated from the heart

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*David Ross:* It’s not something people very lightly

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*David Ross:* when you start talking about the issues and law and culture and who people are and where they want to be

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*David Ross:* And it’s not just a matter of where they want to be themselves but this is about the future for children, for grandchild, for the great grandchildren,

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*David Ross:* where they are going to be and the right for them to be acknowledged as Aboriginal people. To have their law

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*David Ross:* and culture recognised you know Aboriginal people don’t necessarily want to be white people, they actually want to be themselves

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*David Ross:* And to have that right recognised and acknowledged within the constitution I think is very important

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*Barbara Shaw:* I know that it’s very hard in bringing everyone together but at the moment we know that from little things big things grow

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*Barbara Shaw:* so this is more or less the starting point so

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*Barbara Shaw:* any Aboriginal people that’ve been attending these dialogues are actually being part of history and history making so

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*Barbara Shaw:* I hope that we get to get a lot of Aboriginal people educated on this and to make a difference

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*Barbara Shaw:* And it’s not only educating Aboriginal people but non Aboriginal people too need to be educated because that’s where the numbers are going to be if we are to go into a Referendum in this country