**TITLE:** First Nations Regional Dialogue, Thursday Island 5-7 May 2017

**TIME 0.20 – 0.23**

*Kenny Bedford:* In the Torres Strait I think we’re relatively fortunate

**TIME 0.23 – 0.29**

*Kenny Bedford:* We’re grateful that we have been able to fight for a level of autonomy and rights

**TIME 0.29 – 0.36**

*Kenny Bedford:* That a lot of other indigenous communities around Australia don’t enjoy

**TIME 0.36 – 0.37**

*Kenny Bedford:* But that doesn’t stop us

**TIME 0.37 – 0.40**

*Kenny Bedford:* From seeking greater control of our resources

**TIME 0.40 – 0.41**

*Kenny Bedford:* Of our land and our sea

**TIME 0.41 – 0.48**

*Kenny Bedford:* And constitutional reform provides an opportunity for us to move down that path

**TIME 0.50 – 0.54**

*Eric Peter:* Mate the importance of connecting to country

**TIME 0.54 – 0.55**

*Eric Peter:* We’ve got our culture

**TIME 0.55 – 0.59**

*Eric Peter:* We’ve got our traditional lifestyle we actually live in

**TIME 0.59 – 1.01**

*Eric Peter:* You know

**TIME 1.01 – 1.04**

*Eric Peter:* I suppose white man got a very different diet to us

**TIME 1.04 – 1.05**

*Eric Peter:* You know we go fish

**TIME 1.05 – 1.06**

*Eric Peter:* We love fishing

**TIME 1.06 – 1.09**

*Eric Peter:* We go dugong and turtle hunting

**TIME 1.09 – 1.13**

*Eric Peter:* And that’s just the environment that we’ve actually grew up in

**TIME 1.13 – 1.19**

*Eric Peter:* We cannot leave the ocean or the sea for one second

**TIME 1.19 – 1.20**

*Eric Peter:* Maybe because we live by it

**TIME 1.23 – 1.24**

*Rita Kebisu:* The changes we’d like to see here in our community

**TIME 1.26 – 1.27**

*Rita Kebisu:* Would be

**TIME 1.28 – 1.30**

*Rita Kebisu:* More employment opportunities

**TIME 1.30 – 1.32**

*Rita Kebisu:* Because at the moment we have a lot of people

**TIME 1.33 – 1.34**

*Rita Kebisu:* Coming out of school

**TIME 1.34 – 1.36**

*Rita Kebisu:* Coming back into the community

**TIME 1.36 – 1.39**

*Rita Kebisu:* And then going on a Work for The Dole program

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**TIME 1.40 – 1.41**

*Rita Kebisu:* We don’t

**TIME 1.41 – 1.44**

*Rita Kebisu:* We see that people come back with a lot of skills

**TIME 1.45 – 1.48**

*Rita Kebisu:* And there’s nothing for them to look forward to

**TIME 1.49 – 1.51**

*Rita Kebisu:* There’s a big seafood industry here as well

**TIME 1.51 – 1.53**

*Rita Kebisu:* And we see money going out the door

**TIME 1.54 – 1.56**

*Rita Kebisu:* But none of that is coming back in to the Torres Strait

**TIME 1.59 – 2.02**

*Rita Kebisu:* We know our Aboriginal brothers and sisters down south receive royalties from mining

**TIME 2.03 – 2.06**

*Rita Kebisu:* We don’t see that in our seafood industry here in the Torres Strait

**TIME 2.07 – 2.09**

*Thomas Mayor:* I think that it’s very important that we

**TIME 2.09 – 2.13**

*Thomas Mayor:* Are conscious of those of us that are doing it the hardest

**TIME 2.14 – 2.15**

*Thomas Mayor:* Those people in the communities

**TIME 2.16 – 2.20**

*Thomas Mayor:* Where there is still third world conditions and suffering

**TIME 2.20 – 2.23**

*Thomas Mayor:* I think we need to be conscious of that

**TIME 2.24 – 2.25**

*Thomas Mayor:* Think about how we move ahead

**TIME 2.26 – 2.29**

*Thomas Mayor:* How we make substantive change that is going to change their lives

**TIME 2.30 – 2.32**

*Thomas Mayor:* And improve their way of living