**Video Transcript**

**[VIDEO TITLE] Referendum Council:** First Nations Regional Dialogue Brisbane, 21-23 April 2017

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*Leeonee Thompson:* In my community I’d love to see a change in the attitudes towards Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

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*Leeonee Thompson:* I would love to see this through education, I think the more people know about our people the less likely they are to have these preconceived notions of them.

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*Leeonee Thompson:* And I think it’s important for our people to learn our culture more as well, so what we have left is not lost.

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*Ross Williams:* It’s really important for the community to get involved in the discussions.

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*Ross Williams:* Irrespective of whether you think it’s a good thing or a bad thing, it’s about having the conversation.

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*Ross Williams:* Irrespective of what your views may be, don’t be polarised by the ideas and suggestions of others.

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*Ross Williams:* It’s about being informed yourself, it’s about having those discussions and learning from those discussions,

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*Ross Williams:* and then making informed decisions from there.

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*Ross Williams:* And for me that’s an important part of this process.

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*Charles Passi:* We need to stand on our land and show that our culture is a practicing culture.

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*Charles Passi:* One that gives our people freedom,

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*Charles Passi:* and it has influence in developing our children, developing our future, keeping families together,

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*Charles Passi:* puts an end to our social dysfunctions, for example family and domestic violence.

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*Charles Passi:* Then, it shows that there’s a lot of strength within our culture.

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*Charles Passi:* And that needs to be recognised.