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## PANEL EXPLORES CREATING BETTER ECONOMIC OUTCOMES FOR ABORIGINAL PEOPLE

The economic state of indigenous communities will be explored next week as part of a public event hosted by NSW Parliament.

President of the NSW Legislative Council, Matthew Mason-Cox, said a panel of Aboriginal leaders and members of Parliament will discuss the economic sustainability and support for Aboriginal communities and businesses.

“This is an important and fitting topic for our third event in the thought-provoking Leaders in Conversation series, as Parliament continues to engage with and discuss matters of importance to Aboriginal people,” Mr Mason-Cox said.

Members of the public are invited to join the discussion with registrations now open to join a Leaders in Conversation online panel discussion around the theme ‘*Economic development and prosperity. Empowering social change.*’

The ‘Leaders in Conversation’ event will be held online from 1-2pm on Tuesday 20 September.

The panel includes NSW Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Benjamin Franklin, NSW Shadow Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty, David Harris, together with Gamilaroi woman and NSW Indigenous Chamber of Commerce CEO Deb Barwick and Yorta Yorta woman and Executive Director Claire Beattie from the NSW Department of Education.

Speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly, Jonathan O’Dea, said members of the public are invited to engage with the panellists and add their own questions to the discussion.

“This is a unique opportunity to hear directly from advocates for Aboriginal communities as they discuss what can be done to support and empower Aboriginal communities in NSW to reach their economic potential,” Mr O’Dea said.

People can register in advance at [Eventbrite](#) to join the online event.

Questions for the panellists can be sent in advance to [ALO@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:ALO@parliament.nsw.gov.au) and must be received by 16 September 2022.

NSW Parliament’s Leaders in Conversation series features panel discussions on a range of topics and interesting issues, from an Aboriginal perspective.

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