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# Indigenous Incarceration and the Northern Territory

The Law Council of Australia is pleased to  
present a panel discussion on

## INDIGENOUS INCARCERATION AND THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

Progress made since the Royal Commission into the  
Detention and Protection of Children in the Northern Territory

A panel discussion moderated by Pauline Wright, Law Council President  
Featuring eminent speakers Mick Gooda, Olga Havnen and David Woodroffe

Tuesday, 18 August 2020

5.00pm - 6.00pm AEST

Online ZOOM Webinar

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## Panellists

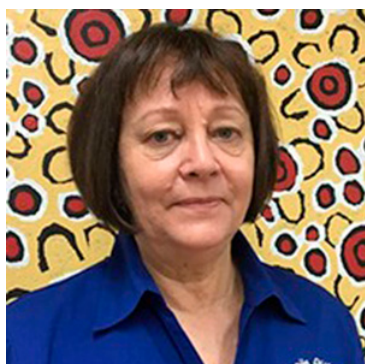


### **Mick Gooda, Former Co-Commissioner, Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory**

Mick Gooda's people are the Ghungalu from the Dawson Valley in Central Queensland. He has spent the last 30 years advocating for the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. He was appointed the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner in February 2010 and held that position until September 2016 when he was appointed Co-Commissioner on the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory.

He has undertaken work in a wide range of roles such as the CEO of the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health, Native Title Consultant with the Western Australian Aboriginal Legal Service and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, ATSIC.

A former chair of the Queensland Stolen Wages Reparation Taskforce and the National Centre of Indigenous Genomics, he has been a member of the Expert Panel and the Referendum Council which were convened to advise the Federal Government on the Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in the Australian constitution.



### **Olga Havnen, CEO, Danila Dilba Health Service**

Olga Havnen is a prominent Aboriginal leader, advocate and activist in the Northern Territory. She is currently the Chief Executive Officer of the Danila Dilba Health Service in Darwin, an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service. Havnen has held positions as the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Programs Co-ordinator for the Australian Red Cross, Senior Policy Officer in the Northern Territory Government's Indigenous Policy Unit, Indigenous Programs Director with the Fred Hollows Foundation, and Executive Officer with the National Indigenous Working Group.

Havnen was the Coordinator General of Remote Service Provision from 2011 until October 2012, when the Northern Territory Government controversially abolished the position. She released one report which detailed deficiencies in Northern Territory and Commonwealth Government's service provision to remote communities in the Northern Territory. Havnen gave evidence at the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory, critical of the outcomes and delivery of the Northern Territory National Emergency Response, commonly referred to as the Intervention.

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**David Woodroffe, Principal Legal Officer, NAAJA**

David Woodroffe is the Principal Legal Officer for NAAJA (North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency) with over 20 years' experience in criminal law and management of the NT's largest legal practice.

He became interested in the law because he felt passionately about justice for the Stolen Generation and has since established a reputation for protecting and promoting the rights of Indigenous people.

Awarded the National Indigenous Legal Practitioner of the Year and the Australian Human Rights Award Lawyer of the Year, he is also the President of the Aboriginal Lawyers Association of the Northern Territory 'Winkuku Rrambanji'.



**Pauline Wright, Law Council President**

Pauline Wright is a Partner Principal of P J Donnellan & Co Solicitors in Gosford. She was the President of the NSW Council for Civil Liberties from 2018 to 2019, having been Vice President since 1998, and has been active particularly in the areas of criminal justice, anti-terrorism and asylum-seeker policy.

Ms Wright was President of the Law Society of NSW in 2017, having served on the Council of the Law Society of NSW since 1997. She also sits on a number of committees and working groups of the Law Council of Australia, including the Access to Justice Committee, Equal Opportunity Committee and the National Criminal Law Committee.



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