The Mornington Peninsula Human Rights Group

invites you to meet and hear

Tom Calma

Mr Calma is Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner and National Race Discrimination Commissioner.

On National Sorry Day, he spoke on behalf of Stolen Generation groups in the Great Hall of Parliament House in response to the apology of the Parliament.



Mr Calma will address a PUBLIC FORUM on

Reforming Federal Indigenous Affairs Policies

- Lessons from the immediate past
- Guidelines for the future

Chair: Dr Ray Cleary

Chief Executive Officer, Anglicare Victoria

7.00 - 9.30 pm Tuesday 24 June 2008

The Forum will commence at 7.00 pm sharp with a welcoming ceremony for Tom Calma by Boon Wurrung elder Carolyn Briggs, dancers and didgeridoo player.

Peninsula Community Theatre

corner Wilsons Road and Nepean Highway, Mornington

ALL WELCOME

Admission is Free

Commissioner Tom Calma

Mr Calma is an Aboriginal elder from the Kungarakan tribal group and a member of the Iwaidja tribal group whose traditional lands are south west of Darwin and on the Coburg Peninsula, respectively, in the Northern Territory.

Mr Calma has been involved in Indigenous affairs at a local, community, state, national and international level, and worked in the public sector for over 30 years.

Mr Calma has broad experience in public administration, particularly in Indigenous education programs and in developing employment and training programs for Indigenous people from both a national policy and program perspective.

Commissioner Calma is a White Ribbon Day Ambassador for 2005, 2006 and 2007. White Ribbon Day is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. Commissioner Calma is also a national patron of Wakakirri National Story Festival.

Mr Calma was awarded the prestigious number 1 position in the Indigenous category for the Bulletin magazine's **Power 100** for 2007. The **Power 100** selects the 100 most powerful people in Australia. It is judged by a group of 10 who select people they consider share one common trait - the ability and desire to drive change.



Commissioner Calma and Minister Macklin on Sorry Day

This is an extraordinary opportunity on the Mornington Peninsula to meet and hear an outstanding Aboriginal leader.



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The Mornington Peninsula Human Rights Group is grateful for the support of the Mornington Peninsula Shire. For further information contact Terri Soumilas, Housing and Social Justice Officer (telephone 5950 1682 or email terri.soumilas@mornpen.vic.gov.au), or Helen Howells, Convener Mornington Peninsula Human Rights Group (telephone 5984 4753 or email h.j.howells@bigpond.com).

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