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¹ Dr. Evelyn Scott

⁷ *Dr Evelyn Scott*, born in 1935 was an indigenous Australian social justice activist and educator. Until her demise on the 21st September 2017 at the age of 81, she achieved great milestones in campaigning for the recognition of the indigenous Australians by the then Australian government. She began her life work at Townsville working in the *Townsville Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advancement League* in the 1960s. Her achievements in Australia were accomplished from the year 1960s. She left a big mark in the history of the amendment of the Australian constitution as her biggest legacy. She is mostly remembered for her active participation in campaigning for the 1967 Constitutional Referendum in Australia. This 1967 vote remains the most successful referendum in Australian history (Corowa and Nancarrow, 2017).

Among her other achievements are: In the early 1970s, she actively participated in the first national women's organization, the *National Aboriginal ad Islander Council*. She joined the executive unit of *Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders* (FCAATSI) in 1971 as the vice president and with the help of *Josie Briggs*, spearheaded the transformation of this council into an indigenous-controlled organization in 1973 becoming the first general-secretary of the Indigenous-controlled FCAATSI (Corowa and Nancarrow, 2017). In the late 1990s, she chaired the *National Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation* from 1997 to 2000 during a challenging period when the then federal government led by *John Howard* was cutting down on the reconciliation funding. She was appointed *Officer of the Order of Australia* and inducted into the *Victorian Honour Roll of Women* in 2001. Even in the event of her death, she left a big mark in the history of Indigenous Australians in that she was the first-ever indigenous woman to receive a Queensland state funeral.

For the Aboriginal community, she was a symbol of hope. She fought so hard to change Australia by fighting for the rights of the other Aboriginal Australians: a right to be recognized by the government and this explains her legacy as she is being remembered as a trailblazer who changed Australia (Corowa & Nancarrow, 2017). She was one of the leading figures who took part in the campaign that lasted an entire decade to have the constitution of Australia changed allowing for Commonwealth to make laws for indigenous people and have them included in official census data (Corowa & Nancarrow, 2017). Her achievements and position in the Indigenous-controlled FCAATSI led to a new era of Indigenous political activism and the push for Aboriginal and Torres Strait self-determination. She believed in reconciliation as the most potent way through which the lands under Australian jurisdiction could achieve harmony and in her words "*Our freedom is your freedom*" considered the freedom of the Indigenous Australians as the freedom to all (Corowa & Nancarrow, 2017). She campaigned for a stronger indigenous voice in land and sea management as she wanted the state to recognize the Indigenous Australians as the first people to hold the land and hence should be accorded respect and valued enough to be granted a share of the nation's wealth. She can be placed in history alongside the great African-American political activists of the past who so fought for the freedoms, rights and recognition being accorded to today's people of African-American descent.

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