

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July:

*Indigenous Futures*

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Indigenous peoples have suffered a lot during the imperial spread of European cultures in recent centuries, but they have defied the doom-sayers and are still here. Sure there are problems, but in many ways indigenous people are flourishing despite the discrimination.

What is the shape of that flourishing likely to be in the coming decades? And what do you think the (presently) dominant global culture has to learn from the most ancient living cultures?

It is simply inappropriate for me to write a long, leading session note for this panel. Indigenous policy in Australia (and elsewhere, I suspect) is a sorry history of the dominant culture projecting inappropriate solutions onto indigenous people. We don't know better than the people actually involved, so we should take the opportunity just to listen.

*Please tell me and the audience a thing or two about what the future can and should be like for your people.*