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Meet Tom Calma and Commissioner Susan Booth prior to Mabo Oration 2009 commencing

WHAT: Meet Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma, former Federal Court judge, Murray Wilcox QC and Queensland Anti-Discrimination Commissioner Susan Booth just prior to the Mabo Oration 2009.

WHEN: Friday, June 5, 2009—5.00 pm—5.20 pm

WHERE: Queensland Performing Arts Centre stage door

WHO: Tom Calma, Susan Booth, Murray Wilcox QC, William Barton —International Aboriginal recording artist, and students from Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts.

WHY: The Mabo Oration 2009 is the third oration to be held in memory of Eddie Koiki Mabo to celebrate the High Court's 1992 Mabo decision.

Photo ops:

Susan Booth and Tom Calma and Murray Wilcox QC with Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts dancers

Susan Booth, Tom Calma and Murray Wilcox QC

Tom Calma, Susan Booth and William Barton and didgeridoo

Interview ops:

Susan Booth, Tom Calm and Murray Wilcox QC

ABOUT:

The Anti-Discrimination Commission Queensland is hosting the third Mabo Oration in the Concert Hall of the Queensland Performing Arts Centre, Southbank on Friday, 5 June 2009 from 5.30–7.30 pm.

Every second year, the Commission hosts the oration in partnership with the Mabo family and the Queensland Performing Arts Centre, to honour Eddie Koiki Mabo and celebrate his contribution to native land title and other Indigenous human rights.

The oration provides an opportunity to commemorate the High Court's 1992 Mabo decision which changed the course of Australia's history by recognising native title and reversing the doctrine of *terra nullius* (land belonging to no one).

The 2009 Mabo Oration will be delivered by Mr Tom Calma, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner and Race Discrimination Commissioner with the Australian Human Rights Commission.

Mr Calma will speak on his conviction that *'From self respect comes dignity, and from dignity comes hope': meeting the challenge of social justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.*

Murray Rutledge Wilcox QC, former Federal Court Judge and author of *An Australian Charter of Rights*, will provide comment on Mr Calma's oration.

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Mabo Oration 2009

Date: Friday 5 June

Time: 5.30pm

Venue: Concert Hall, QPAC

Price: \$16.50

Bookings: Qtix: ph: 136 246 or www.qtix.com.au