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As outlined in Part 1 (published in the previous edition of the ADRJ), multiparty and multi-contract disputes have become increasingly common in global commerce and continue to test many of the underlying principles on which international commercial arbitration is based, including party autonomy and consent. At the heart of this debate is the balance between efficiency and effectiveness of the arbitral process, and the freedom of the parties to choose who is bound by an arbitration agreement and how the arbitration will be conducted. Part 2 examines the Australian international arbitration regime and how it deals with these contemporary issues. It argues for the need to revisit current approaches, and proposes some reforms to the *International Arbitration Act 1974* (Cth) to provide for “opt-out” consolidation and third-party joinder provisions to empower tribunals and courts to make orders for consolidation and joinder in limited circumstances. .... 87

**Exploring First Nations Approaches to Peacebuilding and Peacemaking in Australia – What We Found and What Next** – *Dr Helen Bishop, Dr Alysoun Boyle, Professor Tania Sourdin and Dr Bin Li*

This article is based on a research project conducted by the authors during 2022–2023 – “Gathering Food For Thought: First Nations Approaches to Peacebuilding and Peacemaking in Australia”. The project collected, collated, reviewed and reported on materials published between 1897 and the present, including journal articles, books, reports of commissions of inquiry, program and service evaluations, and eye-witness observations. This article outlines the project research approach and methodologies, as well as outcomes. The key finding of the project reveals widespread inadequate involvement of First Nations peoples in matters that involve them and their wellbeing. This article details suggestions for progressing research in the area of First Nations approaches to peacebuilding and peacemaking, including the engagement of First Nations researchers as respected leaders and contributors to the design and implementation of any future project. .... 103

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