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# TACKLING RACISM: AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN ACHIEVING HEALTH EQUITY FOR INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

### PROFESSOR JOAN CUNNINGHAM

Racism is something most people would rather not have to think about. However, for many Indigenous Australians, it's hard to ignore, because racism impacts on so many aspects of their lives, including their health.

VWL is pleased to present a lunch with the Menzies School of Health Research where we will consider the legal and policy frameworks for thinking about racism and health. Menzies School of Health Research is Australia's only medical research institute dedicated to improving Indigenous health and wellbeing.

We will be joined by Professor Joan Cunningham who will discuss legal and policy issues, research evidence on the health impacts of racism for Indigenous Australians, and programs and actions to reduce the prevalence and the impact of racism in Australia. She will also tell us about what she is doing to achieve changes in the health system.

This event is kindly hosted by Herbert Smith Freehills



Professor Joan Cunningham is a highly regarded social epidemiologist whose core focus is on equity in health and health care. Her research has spanned a range of topics including the social determinants of chronic diseases, health system performance for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with cancer, the health impacts of discrimination, the health of Indigenous people in urban areas, and improving the quality, availability and use of routinely collected data about Indigenous Australians.

## DATE

Thursday 20 November 2014

## TIME

12.30-2.00pm

## LOCATION

Herbert Smith Freehills  
Level 42, 101 Collins Street, Melbourne

## COST

Free

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