

# AIJA Indigenous Youth Justice Conference

## Panellist

### Day 1 – Session 3: Raising the age of criminal responsibility



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Greg McIntyre SC commenced legal practice with the Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia in 1976, working in Eastern Goldfields, Western Desert, Perth and the Kimberley.

In 1979 he was the Community Adviser at Warburton in the Western Desert. In 1980 he completed research at the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies on the topic of 'Aboriginal Land Rights at Common Law'. From 1981 to 1983 he was retained full time by the Aboriginal Legal Service of Queensland and then the Nijku Jowan Legal Service, based in Cairns and in 1988-90 was Principal Legal Officer of the Aboriginal Legal Service of WA. He joined the WA Bar in 1993 and was appointed Senior Counsel in 2002. He had the conduct of the High Court cases of *Koowarta v Bjelke Petersen*, *Mabo v Queensland (No 1) & (No 2)* and *Bropho v WA*.

As an Adjunct Professor of Law at Notre Dame University he taught a course on 'Indigenous Peoples and the Law'. He is a WA Patron of the Justice Reform Initiative and a member of the Law Council of Australia's Indigenous Incarceration Working Group which are advocating in favour of Raising the Age of Criminal Responsibility to 14 years.