

# Electoral Participation of Aboriginal People in New South Wales

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McRae, Tommy (c1835-1901)  
*Hunting scenes depicted by Tommy McRae*  
Pen and ink drawing  
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1787

Hickel, Karl Anton (1745–1798)  
*The House of Commons 1793–1794* 1793–1794  
Oil on canvas  
Given by Francis Joseph 1, emperor of Austria, 1885.  
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1788

Wheatley, Francis (1747–1801)  
[Captain Arthur Phillip, 1786] 1786  
Oil painting  
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1824

Eyre, John (1771–)  
[First Government House, Sydney] 1807  
Watercolour  
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1842–43

New South Wales Government  
George Mowsar (1834–1908)  
George Mowsar New South Wales Elector's Right 1894–1898.  
Residential Qualification 1894  
Manuscript  
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1856

British Parliament  
*An Act to enable Her Majesty to assent to a Bill, as amended, of the Legislature of New South Wales, 'to confer a Constitution on New South Wales, and to grant a Civil List to Her Majesty'* 1856  
Manuscript  
House of Lords Record Office

1858

David Syme and Co, 1880  
*Interior of polling booth 1880*  
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1902

Kerry & Co  
*Demonstration of gratitude from the WSL [Womanhood Suffrage League] of NSW to Sir W Lyne & Sir John See* Sept 15th, 1902  
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1924

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1928

Commonwealth Electoral Office  
*Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander peoples – Teaching Aboriginals to vote, 1962.* 1962  
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1983

*Aboriginal People and Torres Strait Islander Peoples – Aboriginals Voting at an Election* 1983  
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1997

Parliament of NSW  
*To Commemorate Aboriginal Elders, Sylvia Scott, Edna Mariong Watson, Patricia Jarvis and Fay Richards representing the Eora People and Dharug People, welcoming His excellency, Sir Gordon Samuels and Mrs Samuels to the Parliament on the occasion of the Opening of the Second Session of the 52nd Parliament.* 1999  
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2003

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Linda Burney delivering her first speech in the House of Representatives, Parliament of Australia, 31 August 2016

2010

Parliament of New South Wales  
*To Commemorate the First Meeting of New South Wales Elected Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal Representatives in the Legislative Assembly Chamber* 1997  
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Parliament of New South Wales  
*Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters, Report 4/55, March 2014*  
Committee report  
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