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Ceremonial sitting to mark the 175th anniversary of the Supreme Court of New South Wales

17 May 1999

Spigelman CJ

Your Excellency, The Premier, Prime Minister, Chief Justices, your Honours, men and women of the legal profession and the public, as acknowledged in the judgments of the first Chief Justice of this Court, Sir Francis Forbes, for thousands of years before the arrival of British justice the Aborigines made and enforced laws in this land. It is appropriate that we recognise that prior tradition on this occasion. Accordingly, I call on Aunty Ali Golding, a Biripi Elder from Taree who has been adopted by the Eora people and has lived in Redfern for the past 21 years, to deliver a traditional Aboriginal greeting.