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> *"Mabo" kind: "a person who descends from an Indigenous people and has mutual recognition by that person and by the elders or other persons enjoying traditional authority among those people of that particular person's membership."*

> *"Tasmanian Dam" kind: "a person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent who identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and is accepted as such by the community in which he or she lives."*

Compare

	"Mabo" kind	"Tasmanian Dam" kind
How the definition is worded		
Who recognises or accepts the person?		
Where it is used		
Rights it gives (according to the article)		

South Australia's Voice to Parliament law changes the third part to: "is accepted as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person by the **relevant** Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community." The article notes that what "relevant community" means is not spelled out and leaves room for debate.

Questions

1. Which kind has rights the other doesn't, according to the article? Name two.

2. How is South Australia's wording different from the Commonwealth wording? Why might that matter?

3. The article asks whether governments will sign Treaties with both kinds, or only Traditional Owner groups. What do you think, and why?

4. The series ends by inviting questions. Write one question you would ask the Nation about Aboriginality.

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