

National Voice Membership Term Lengths

Stability in the proposed National Voice membership would be important. It would also be important to ensure membership could be refreshed with new ideas and perspectives. Meeting these membership objectives could be achieved by both:

- limiting how long a person can be a member of the National Voice before they have to be re-selected
- having long enough terms for members to be able to fulfil their roles.

Limiting the number of times a person can be a member in a continuous period – the number of back-to-back terms – could also help bring new members with different experiences and ideas to the National Voice.



The proposals

There are two options proposed by the National Co-design Group for term lengths for National Voice members. Under both options, a person could not serve more than two back-to-back terms as a National Voice member.

Option 1 - Four year terms

This option would give National Voice members a term of **four years**.

Terms would be staggered, which would see half of the National Voice positions be open for selection every two years.

This would ensure the National Voice is stable with only half of the membership refreshed at a time.

There would always be current members with a good understanding of the work of the National Voice and familiar with how it operates.

This option would also see current and experienced National Voice able to brief an incoming Australian Government after a federal election.

Option 2 - Three year terms

This option would give National Voice members a term of **three years**.

Terms would not be staggered with this option.

All National Voice positions would be open for selection at once, every three years.

It is expected that there would be some members reselected and would provide some continuity. However there would be no deliberate overlap as in Option 1.

This option would provide greater opportunity for new membership because selection of the full membership group would occur more frequently than in Option 1.



We want to hear your views on the proposal for term lengths for the National Voice.



Have your say

You can have your say by:

- providing a submission on the proposal at voice.niaa.gov.au
- undertaking a survey at voice.niaa.gov.au
- sharing your views and ideas on social media tagging #IndigenousVoice
- holding a community discussion or go to a stakeholder meeting if it is COVID safe to do so
- sharing the materials with your family, friends and community.



Visit voice.niaa.gov.au to provide a submission, complete the survey or learn more about the Indigenous Voice proposals.