

National Voice Youth Advisory Group

More than half of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are aged 25 years or younger.¹ As future Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders, it is important their views are heard and considered.

Because of this, the proposed National Voice would have a permanent Youth Advisory Group made up of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth.

The Youth Advisory Group would give advice to the National Voice on how laws and policies impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth. The group would also bring issues to the attention of the National Voice.



Influencing decisions

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth should be able to influence the decisions being made today. This is not just because those decisions affect them now, but also because those decisions will affect them in the future – a future they will inherit.

The world is changing rapidly, and in ways that older generations have not experienced before. This makes it more challenging to understand how laws and policies affect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth without speaking directly to them.

The National Co-design Group looked at these issues and decided it was important that a National Voice have a permanent Youth Advisory Group.

This would be a group the National Voice can call on to make sure the impacts on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth are considered when advice is sought by the Australian Parliament or Government. This group would also bring any matter it thinks is important to the attention of the National Voice.

Having a permanent Youth Advisory Group would recognise that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth are best placed to understand and advise on how laws and policies will impact them.

The Youth Advisory Group would not replace or undermine any existing bodies or structures.



We want to hear your views on how a Youth Advisory Group might benefit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth, and what sorts of issues you think should be looked at by this Group.



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.

¹ 2016 Census data.