



# Proposal for an Indigenous Voice

Indigenous Voice

Details for the proposal for an Indigenous Voice have been developed through the Indigenous Voice Co-design Process.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures are rich in knowledge, passing stories from generation to generation. They hold a unique place in our nation's story.

The next step in this story is to make sure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have more say on the laws, policies and services that impact their lives.

An Indigenous Voice could provide a mechanism for Indigenous Australians in communities around the country to have a say on how to improve their lives.

This would result in real changes on the ground and create a shared responsibility where Indigenous Australians can work in partnership with governments.

## **An Indigenous Voice could:**

- provide advice and input on decisions, laws, policies, programs and services that are important to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- be made up of two parts – Local and Regional Voices and a National Voice.

Local and Regional Voices and the National Voice could work together to share information, consult and provide advice.

## Local and Regional Voice



### **The proposal**

A regional level governance structure that would:

- be designed and led by communities
- provide advice to all levels of government about what's important in communities and in the region
- work in partnership with all governments to make plans on how to meet community aspirations and deliver on local priorities
- provide local views to the National Voice where this informs national issues.



### **The proposal**

A national body made up of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people that:

- could provide advice to the Australian Parliament and Government on relevant laws, policies and programs
- could engage early on with the Australian Parliament and Government in the development of relevant policies and laws.



## Have your say!

### **We want your feedback:**

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