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To whom it may concern

Submission for Co-design process

Hello! I've lived in Mullumbimby for 37 years and have been an active campaigner to protect country; coordinating Lock the Gate Gasfield Free campaign for Mullumbimby (95.6% voted to be gasfield free). I campaigned to keep our economy local, from which campaign we got a local farmers market and community garden. (www.mullumaction.org). I've been a Gestalt Psychotherapist, Hawaiian Bodyworker, gardener and honey-seller. Currently I am involved in acting with feminist material, working with archetypes. I grew up in UK, went to NZ in 1976 as I was born there, and came here in 1980. I feel very lucky to be here, and am grateful - this is why I want to support the First Nations Voice Truth Treaty enshrined in the Constitution.

Why do you think the Uluru Statement from the Heart is important?

I love the way it is written and it makes me feel positive for the future of First Nation's people. I want to hear from First Nations their reasons for changes to help improve their lives. White supremacy does not work for indigenous people.

How could a Voice to Parliament improve the lives of your community?

If indigenous people have better quality of life, then everybody benefits. The black deaths in custody, hanging points in cells, domestic violence and increasing incarceration of indigenous women is deplorable. These things (and much more) must change to improve Aboriginal lives.

Why is it important for Indigenous people to have a say in the matters that affect them?
because indigenous people know what they need better than non-indigenous people do.

Why do you think it's important to enshrine the Voice to Parliament in the Constitution, rather than include it only in legislation?

It is important to enshrine the Voice to Parliament in the Constitution so it will be a permanent fixture and legislation not thrown out when the government is changed.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE allow indigenous people Voice, Truth, Treaty. Sovereignty. Acknowledgement that Aboriginal tribes were the first sovereign nations of the Australian continent, that sovereignty was never ceded and that it co-exists with the sovereignty of the Crown. Constitutional reform. Constitutional reforms would empower Aboriginal people to manage their own affairs and righten the current skewed statistics for e.g. incarceration or suicide. Makarrata Commission. A Makarrata (Treaty) Commission would have two roles: Develop a national framework that would permit each sovereign Aboriginal nation state to negotiate their own respective treaty; and oversee a process of truth-telling. Similar commissions (including truth telling) are common throughout the world and have been established in countries such as Canada, New Zealand and South Africa. [7] Truth-telling, a process that exposes the full extent of the past injustices experienced by Aboriginal people. It would allow all Australians to understand Aboriginal

and Australian history, and assist in moving towards genuine reconciliation. Voice to Parliament. Establishment of an elected voice to the Parliament with constitutional backing. This voice would be empowered to give Aboriginal people a say in laws that affect them. It would be a voice that cannot be removed unless by a future constitutional referendum. Source: Explainer: Uluru Statement from the Heart - Creative Spirits, retrieved from <https://www.creativespirits.info/aboriginalculture/selfdetermination/uluru-statement-from-the-heart>

Yours truly
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