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My main concern is with efforts to sell the idea of the Indigenous Voice to the general public.

I frequently hear people resorting to using a 'guilt trip' type approach. This strategy is very popular in many ideologies these days but it has little broad success. People are either predisposed to respond to guilt trip approaches or they will react against them strongly.

One of the key bases for the guilt trip approach is the principle of generational trauma. At best it is an arbitrary approach. Simply put, why is generational trauma automatically more important than generational resilience?

The ancestors who actually experienced the racism of the past survived and continued their culture. Why is not the resilience they passed down more important than the trauma? This leads into questions about the Western development of 'victimhood' thinking.

I wish you the very best but we need a much broader approach to winning broad support than just simply trying to make people feel guilty. I worry this may backfire on more than 50% of voters.

Respectfully yours

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