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Subject: Indigenous Voice Submission

Dear Committee Members,

Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Australia welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission in relation to the *Interim Report to the Australian Government: Indigenous Voice Co-Design Process*.

JRS is an international Catholic organisation whose mission is to accompany, serve, and advocate for the rights to refugees and other forcibly displaced persons.

JRS Australia is a social ministry of The Australian Province of the Society of Jesus.(the 'Jesuits').

JRS Australia affirms the submission of The Australian Province of the Society of Jesus, in which our organisation is named. JRS Australia seeks to stand in solidarity with First Nations peoples and urges that *The Uluru Statement from the Heart* be taken seriously. JRS Australia supports the National Voice, and supports the call for a Local and Regional Voice Indigenous framework.

JRS Australia seeks to be converted, to be changed, and to be renewed into a deeper and more just companionship with Australia's First Nations peoples.

Yours sincerely,

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