

## Indigenous Interim Voice Co-Design submission

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission in response to the Indigenous Voice Discussion Paper.

The lack of recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait peoples in the current constitution reflects a failure to treat all Australians fairly and justly.

It is time for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices to be enshrined in the constitution. Only then can we begin the processes of healing this divided nation.

I believe that it is of paramount importance that the Federal Government enacts the following:

1. The government must honour its election commitment to a referendum once the model for the Voice has been settled;
2. Enabling legislation for the Voice must be passed after a referendum has been held in the next term of Parliament; and
3. The membership model for the National Voice must ensure previously unheard Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have the same chance of being selected as established leadership figures.

Enshrining the Voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Constitution will contribute to a just recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and enable full participation of all Australians in our democratic processes.

Kind Regards,

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