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Dear Madam/Sir,

Our first concern is that the Australian people should listen to the desires and feelings of the Indigenous people. There have been many reports over the years on the Aboriginal situation. The Uluru Statement from the Heart is the strongest and clearest expression of Aboriginal desires. A huge amount of time and effort went into that report bringing an unusual degree of consensus. Therefore we believe it is imperative that the Government should take very seriously the Uluru Statement.

The Interim Report was seeking to spell out the details of what a Voice should look like. Unfortunately the Government deliberately excluded consideration of whether the Voice should be embedded in the Constitution. We believe it is essential that the role of the Voice should be properly part of the Constitution. Only that can stop future Governments from ignoring or deleting the Voice. It is very strange that our Constitution has no mention of Aboriginal history or rights. Putting the Voice in the Constitution would be the right and proper way to make up for that omission. There are many details of how the national Voice should be constituted and its regional expressions.

However there needs to be a Referendum to get a clear expression of national feelings before all the details are finalised.

Yours sincerely,