



Dear Co-Design Body

Submission for Co-design process

I live on Wathaurong Country in Victoria. I have studied and worked in Geelong, Melbourne and Western Victoria.

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

Our nation is not whole until we formally recognise the oldest continuous living culture in the world. We are less without respecting, acknowledging and accepting our indigenous heritage.

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

This is not our country. It belongs to Aboriginal people. Not having them represented in our parliament is a national embarrassment and disgrace.

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

My community, nay, all Australian communities, need indigenous voices to understand how to manage our land and respect and support all our people. They have been here forever, we have so much to learn.

*Why is it important for Indigenous people to have a say in the matters that affect them?*

Only indigenous people can explain, intimately understand and know ways to move forward.

Please recognise indigenous Australians. It shames us as a Nation not to.

Kind regards,

