

Dear Co-Design Body

I am a Sydney born and bred company director, professor and consultant.

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

It is past time that we recognised the Uluru Statement from the Heart and recognised the pain and suffering of our indigenous brothers and sisters and their place in defining the way we live and what they need

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

Indigenous-led voice to parliament is essential for ensuring we have an equitable approach to designing the future we need. We live on their land.

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

The Government must honour its election commitment to a referendum once a model for the Voice has been settled to ensure that a First Nations Voice to Parliament is protected by the Constitution; Enabling legislation for the Voice must be passed after a referendum has been held in the next term of Parliament; and 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.

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

For too long we have dictated to Indigenous people what will fix them. The time has come for Indigenous people to design what they need