

I am grateful for this chance to make a submission in response to the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

Why am I grateful? Because I was one of many Australians who were appalled at the Government's response to the Uluru Statement from the Heart. And I suspect there are countless Australians like me who were similarly appalled who did not speak out at the time and who are now grasping this opportunity to make a submission. We will not be silenced.

In summary I believe strongly in the following statements:

The government must honour its election commitment to a referendum once a model for the Voice has been settled.

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.