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Dear Co-Design Body,

My name is Laura Hunter, I am a second generation Australian woman that lives and works in the Eora Nation (my home), my families hail from from Malta and Wycombe, England. Both escaping the travesties of war and poverty. I grew up in Sydney and have stayed a resident of Sydney for most of my life. With my mother and father growing up in Hurlstone Park and Padstow, respectively.

One cannot grow up in Sydney without learning and being a part of the Aboriginal activism that runs so deeply in the Sydney community, I attended school and lived in Glebe for many years and experienced repeated interactions with Police and Aboriginal people, many unfairly and unjust interactions. I marched in 2000 and attended many Harmony Day and Sorry Day activities, and protests re; the obscene amount of deaths in custody. But I feel that nothing has improved. I am now 36.

Our country is rife with blatant racism against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People – There is no denying it, I have seen in my whole life. How many more inequities and commissions does this government intend on having?

The proposals put forward in the Uluru Statement from the Heart – are just and very reasonable. I would like to have the chance to vote a resounding YES in a referendum to see that we can have an enshrined voice in the constitution. Because enshrinement means that to change it the whole population must vote again.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are the owners of this land, we live here, we must learn to move forward together so ALL people here are granted the 'fair go' Australia touts.

Many thanks,

Laura Hunter.