



SUBMISSION IN RESPONSE TO THE INDIGENOUS VOICE DISCUSSION PAPER

April 2021

The University of Southern Queensland welcomes the opportunity to make a submission in response to the Indigenous Voice Discussion Paper.

The University of Southern Queensland acknowledges the traditional custodians and owners of the lands on which our campuses are built and on which we come together as a community to learn and work. The University recognises that reaching reconciliation and understanding between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians is critical for all Australians.

The University declares its support for the Uluru Statement from the Heart and the call for the National Voice to be enshrined in the Constitution. We recognise the importance of the National Voice being representative of the diverse populations and needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and that its role is to speak to the Commonwealth Parliament and Government on policy and legislation.

We note that the mechanisms for achieving the National Voice are still being debated. The University is committed to supporting Local and Regional Indigenous Voice representation to ensure our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities' unique strengths, challenges and aspirations are reflected in the National Voice priorities.