



To Co-Design Body  
Submission for Co-design process

I was born in New Zealand, a country which also has an indigenous people. I was raised to see the Maori people as New Zealanders, distinctly different in their ways but still New Zealanders. I have called Australia home for half of my life of 68 years. I have retained my NZ Passport and as such, unsure if I am entitled to express my opinion here. This is my home. I am now in the late years of my life.

*Why do you think the Uluru Statement from the Heart is important?*  
To me Aboriginal People are Australian People, and the Aboriginal Culture is of paramount importance to Australia. It is as Australian as you can get. Their ways are different at times, but unique in their own right. It is so very important they have a voice, and will always have a voice in Australia. It is a sad reflection on this Government that this is not always the case.

*Why do you think it's important to enshrine the Voice to Parliament in the Constitution, rather than include it only in legislation?*  
Enshrined in the Constitution means it cannot be changed by an ever changing government.

*How could a Voice to Parliament improve the lives of your community?*  
Basically .. A Voice to be Heard in the running of this country and the laws that govern it

*Why is it important for Indigenous people to have a say in the matters that affect them?*  
The Aboriginal Culture is different, it is distinctly different to our English ways, it has a right to have a say and to be heard. An Aboriginal voice can only enrich our present English Heritage. The relationship with land so very important to acknowledge, understand and embrace.

Yours sincerely,