

I write this as non-indigenous Australian born in Sydney in 1941 and I support the Uluru Statement from the Heart,

It must be recognised that Aboriginal people have never relinquished Sovereignty of their land. Aboriginal & Torres Strait people have been powerless since white people took over their country in 1788. We now have the opportunity to right the wrongs of the past by giving them a long overdue to Voice to the Parliament so that they can have a say in their future. There must be no more Northern Territory invasions by the Army. Aboriginal & Torres Strait people must be consulted regarding their lives.

The Government must honour its election ^{promise} once a model for the Voice has been decided. The Voice must be embedded in the Constitution through a Referendum. The Govt. should launch a widespread bi-partisan campaign as to why it is necessary for a vote to acknowledge an Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament. There should be enabling legislation for the Voice to be passed after holding a Referendum in next term of Parliament and this enshrined in the Constitution.

To ensure that as many Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander voices can be heard there needs to be the opportunity for additional people to be elected as leaders.

Very importantly there must be a truth telling. Australians must be taught about our dark and shameful history.

New Zealand has a treaty with their indigenous people as does Canada and Australia should do likewise so that the First Nations People are treated with the respect they deserve.

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I am happy to have my name published