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To Co-Design Body,

I work for Stepping Stone House, a NFP that provides accommodation and personal development programs to young people who are at risk or experiencing homelessness. We are currently undertaking a strategic and cultural expansion to support more Indigenous youth, as these young people make up an extremely disproportionate representation within Out-of-Home Care and Specialist Homelessness Services.

*Why do you think the Uluru Statement from the Heart is important?*

I believe that the Uluru Statement is critical to the healing of Australian people.

*How could a Voice to Parliament improve the lives of your community?*

For the young people living in our houses, a Voice to Parliament will help ensure that the Federal Government sets appropriate and achievable goals to support Indigenous Australians, and actually take the steps to achieve them.

*Why do you think it's important to enshrine the Voice to Parliament in the Constitution, rather than include it only in legislation?*

The constitution is a reflection of all Australians, and Indigenous Australia has been pushed aside for too long.

*Why is it important for Indigenous people to have a say in the matters that affect them?*

First Nation's Australians deserve to have a say in the matters that affect them. For too long, Australia has made laws and policies that have been detrimental to the lives of Indigenous Australians.

Kind regards,  
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