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Dear Co-Design Body

Co-design process: Submission by Dr Ian McGregor

I have been involved in Amnesty International for many years and am appalled by the treatment of the Indigenous Owners of our country.

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

We need an Indigenous Voice to Parliament so that the owners of our land can have a clear voice in the issues that impact them and our society and country.

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

Because it can help "Close the Gap" and with strong Indigenous involvement this can help address many issues of Indigenous disadvantage and provide appropriate justice for our Indigenous people.

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

A Voice to Parliament is needed to achieve meaningful reconciliation and recognise Indigenous Sovereignty.

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

This is because legislation can be changed at any time by Parliament.

The Uluru Statement developed by our Indigenous Leaders should be totally accepted and endorsed by the Federal Government and all Parliaments (Federal, State and Territory).

Yours sincerely,
Dr Ian McGregor