

Submission for a Voice To Parliament

I am a mother, wife and mental health social worker passionate about the well-being of our children and our communities.

It is now time for the Uluru Statement From The Heart to be enacted as a real meaningful document that can enable Indigenous and non-indigenous communities to work together for the betterment of all.

Most Australians recognise that for us to be a 'fair go' country that it is important to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Australian constitution.

I am therefore requesting that the Australian Government honours the commitment it made at the recent election to a referendum that is directly linked to the Voice to Parliament and that after the referendum, legislation must be passed in the next term of parliament to enshrine Aboriginal and Torres Strait people's rights in the constitution.

The membership model for the National Voice must make sure that previously unheard Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will be able to represent their own communities as leaders if appropriate.

The Voice to Parliament would give First Nations people a say on the laws and policies that affect their affairs. This is essential as the history in Australia is one of forgetting, marginalising or silencing First Nations perspectives and voices and this continues today.