

To Co-Design Body,

Submission to Co-design process

I am a proud, fourth-generation Australian. My great-great-grandparents settled on the Eyre Peninsula in South Australia around 1848. I was born in Canberra while my father was working at the ANU, but both sides of our family live in and around Adelaide. I now live in Queensland and go back often to SA.

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

It is important to hear, and recognise and RESPECT our First Nations People, and to HEAL our country.

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

As a country, together with the First Nations People, we can move together FORWARD and not be held back by our disturbing history of treating them so appallingly, denying their basic rights!

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

It is fair that Indigenous Australians have a say in the policies and laws that affect them. It will be good for their self-esteem and overall, as a group of people. It is LONG overdue! It is time our country listened to the First Nations People and supported what they have asked for. It is the right thing to do.

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

I support a First Nations voice to parliament enshrined in the Constitution. This will give our First Nations the proper recognition that they deserve as the traditional owners. Legislation is not enough.

This will be a big step in the right direction for everyone, especially the First Nations people; something that all Australians can be proud of!