

Dear Co-Design Body

Co-design process: Submission [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I am a Murrawarri man originally from Brewarrina now living and working on Wiradjuri and Bidjigal country. I currently work as the Director [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I graduated with a PhD in 2020, Masters of Indigenous Health in 2011 and Bachelor of Physiotherapy in 2003.

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

The Uluru Statement from the Heart to me is important as it has created and developed a dialogue from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mobs from the ground up.

Why do you think a Voice to Parliament is important?

A Voice to Parliament is important as it will allow us to have a say at the highest level of government in Australia.

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

Evidence clearly shows that self-determination and empowerment is the key to improving health and well-being outcomes for my people. It is a fundamental human right that we as Aboriginal people have the right to self-determination (UNDRIP).

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

An enshrined voice in the constitution will ensure that the government of the day/time will not be able to change or shift Aboriginal affairs in Australia.

Thank you,
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