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# Sisters of Charity

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The Hon. Ken Wyatt AM, MP and the Senior Advisory Group Indigenous Voice Co-Design Process

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Dear Minister Wyatt and the Senior Advisory Group,

I am deeply grateful for the invitation and the call of the Uluru Statement from the Heart from our First Nations People. It is truly time that our First Nations people take their rightful place in our land. It is time for recognition, inclusion, justice and lasting, meaningful change. I want to walk with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait People to a better Australia.

I call us to real change:

1. That the Australian Government honour its election commitment to a referendum once a model for the Voice has been settled to ensure that a First Nations Voice to Parliament is protected by the Constitution;
2. That legislation for the Voice be passed after a referendum has been held in the next term of Parliament; and
3. That the membership model for the National Voice ensure previously unheard Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have the same chance of being selected as established leadership figures.

I appreciate and embrace the invitation of Senior Australian of the Year, Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann, to listen deeply and learn anew from our Aboriginal and Torres Strait sisters and brothers. We can all only be enriched and Australia the place it should be.

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