



## Submission on the Indigenous Voice Co-Design Process

The GO Foundation has been inspired by the Uluru Statement from the Heart and echoes its calls for a First Nations Voice to Parliament. We call on the Government to hold a referendum once the model for the Voice has been settled and to enable legislation following the passing of the referendum, within the next term of Parliament.

We are a proudly Indigenous-led organisation that was founded to empower young Indigenous people through education. We are driven by our values: **Integrity. Equality. Opportunity. Strength in culture.**

We acknowledge the Interim Co-Design Report and the processes led by co-chairs Professor Marcia Langton AM and Professor Tom Calma AO. Our submission is offered as part of the current public consultation, and in support of the many voices of First Nations people throughout this process.

Now is the time for First Nations people to lead and have a voice. This is one of the most critical decisions we will make as a nation and one that will create an important legacy for our young people and future generations. Now is the time for our young people to see the change so they can be the change in years to come and beyond. There are so many inspiring and brilliant Indigenous people willing to share their voices and help create a better future. Now is the chance to make this happen.

**233** years since invasion | **112** years since Protectionism | **120** year since Federation | **120** years since White Australia Policy | **55** years since Wave Hill Walk Off | **30** years since the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody | **29** years since Mabo decision | **24** years since Bringing Them Home Report | **4** years since Uluru Statement from the Heart | **2** days since the last Aboriginal Death in Custody.

Thank you for considering our submission.

Yours faithfully,

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The GO Foundation acknowledges the traditional owners of Country throughout Australia. We acknowledge their continuing care for and connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to them and to Elders past, present and emerging. It is our genuine hope that the work of the GO Foundation and our focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, the oldest surviving culture in the world, leads us all to a stronger tomorrow.

**Always Was. Always Will Be Aboriginal Land.**