



20 April 2021

To the Co-Design Body,

Re: First Nations Voice to Parliament protected by the Constitution

Bird in Hand winery was founded by Andrew and Susie Nugent in 1997 and is located in Woodside in the Adelaide Hills. We acknowledge the people of Peramangk Land on which we stand and recognise their connection to culture, community, and Country.

In 2014 we established the Bird in Hand Foundation with the aim of giving back to the community. Since then, we have been proud to support several great initiatives with a focus on helping young creatives realise their dreams through the arts and education and actively advocating Indigenous and gender equality.

Bird in Hand winery supports the Uluru Statement from the Heart and its three key components – voice, treaty and truth. As a nation it is important that we come together to acknowledge First Nations people and ensure that, moving forward, they have a voice protected by the Constitution.

A Voice to Parliament will enable Indigenous people to have accurate and appropriate representation, which we hope will lead to meaningful change to the way we as a nation treat, engage with, and celebrate Indigenous Australians. Enshrining a Voice to Parliament in the Constitution will provide greater protection of representation in Parliament and shows a genuine commitment to reconciliation.

Regards,

Andrew Nugent  
Founder and Director  
Bird in Hand Winery