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Dear Co-Design Body

Submission to Co-design process

I am an IT Business Analyst working with the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. My studies include a Degree in maths and computing, Postgraduate in adult education and business administration. I grew up in Perth and now live with my family in Newcastle.

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

Important to give a voice to our indigenous people in the running of this country.

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

Because others (colonisers) have not had their interest at heart when making decisions that impact the indigenous population.

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

Prioritises the voice of our indigineous people in decisions made in parliament.

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

Create a better understanding of what has happened in the past, acknowledging the wrongs and building a more harmonious future.

Thank you,

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