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To Co-Design Body

Submission to Co-design process

I am a 52 year old of German and Irish decent, proud mother of an Aboriginal daughter with four amazing Aboriginal children. I grew up white, middle class, educated in both Catholic and state schools surrounding by other people enjoying white privilege which remains to this day. We were never taught the real history of our nation nor made to feel the shame of our ancestors for the atrocities committed.

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

If we do not acknowledge our history, and take all the lessons we can learn from this history we will never reach our full potential of being a true multi-cultural nation with diversity that unites and strengthens.

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

Healing trauma and acknowledging the value of everyone can only be a good thing.

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

To ensure it cannot become a political weapon to be whipped out at each election on a whim.

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

You need the buy-in of those affected by any decision or policy for there to be success.

It is my belief the original custodians of our land have continually held out their hands in friendship and a willingness to work with white Australia to move forward as one. White Australia has continually believed the hands out wanted handouts and this is not the case. Let's not keep ignoring the value of having the oldest culture on this planet. Let's grant voice and treaty, and teach truth to all our people for the good of the people.

Kind regards,
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