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The Hon Ken Wyatt AM MP  
Minister for Indigenous Australians  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister Wyatt,

I am writing to lend my support to a First Nations Voice to Parliament enshrined in the Constitution as envisaged in the Uluru Statement. I believe all Australians will benefit from Makarrata.

It is critical that the Voice to Parliament is a voice for all indigenous Australians, just as the Parliament itself provides voice for all Australians. For too long the Commonwealth government has relied on a few selected high-profile leaders to speak on behalf of indigenous Australians, without ensuring that the aspirations and concerns of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait people are heard.

The Coalition government made an election commitment to the development of an inclusive model for the Voice and to a referendum. I call on this Government to honour this commitment. Following the success of a referendum, I also call for enabling legislation for the Voice to be passed in the first term of Parliament following the referendum.

Thank you for your consideration.

Your sincerely,

Dr Alice Hill