

## MP Letter Templates

Attached are examples of letter content that you can use to write to your local member, the Prime Minister or other key elected representatives.

We have included some names and address blocks, for more information on addressing Senators and Members of Parliament, or contacting Senators or Members electronically see the Australian Parliament website.

[www.aph.gov.au/senators\\_and\\_members/guidelines\\_for\\_contacting\\_senators\\_and\\_members](http://www.aph.gov.au/senators_and_members/guidelines_for_contacting_senators_and_members)

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### **IF YOUR LOCAL MEMBER IS LABOR, GREEN or an INDEPENDENT WHO HAS DEMONSTRATED SUPPORT FOR THE ULURU STATEMENT**

Dear

I am a constituent of your electorate and am contacting you to seek your public support for the Uluru Statement from the Heart, and as a Member of Parliament, support in the Parliament to vote for a referendum to allow for a First Nations Voice to be enshrined in the Australian Constitution.

I understand your party has already demonstrated its support for a First Nations Voice to be enshrined in the Australian Constitution and has called for a referendum on this issue. I wanted to seek your affirmation that you would support meaningful Indigenous recognition in the Constitution, an important issue for all Australians, and support a referendum to allow for a First Nations Voice to be enshrined in the Australian Constitution.

The Uluru Statement from the Heart was released 26 May 2017 by delegates to an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Referendum Convention, held in Mutitjulu, near Uluru in Central Australia. The modest requests put forward by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander delegates in the Uluru Statement from the Heart provides an opportunity for Australia to acknowledge our history and move forward together in a genuine process of reconciliation.

The Uluru Statement from the Heart was presented by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander delegates to the people of Australia to “walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future”. I respectfully request would you demonstrate your support for the Uluru Statement from the Heart and the meaningful steps presented in the statement towards self-determination for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in Australia. I understand there has been funding provided in this current 2019 – 2020 budget to facilitate further consultation of the Uluru Statement from the Heart. How will you be consulting with your constituents on this matter?

I also request that you support any motion brought to the Parliament that establishes a referendum on this issue.

I respectfully await your reply on this matter.

Yours faithfully

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**IF YOUR LOCAL MEMBER IS LIBERAL, NATIONAL or an INDEPENDENT WHO HAS NOT DEMONSTRATED SUPPORT FOR THE ULURU STATEMENT**

I am a constituent of your electorate and am contacting you to seek your public support for the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

The Uluru Statement from the Heart was released on 26 May 2017 by delegates of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Referendum Convention, a convention process that was established with bipartisan support. The statement calls for a 'First Nations Voice' in the Constitution and a Makarrata Commission to supervise agreement-making and truth-telling between governments at all levels and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

Some members of the Liberal and National parties have suggested that a First Nations Voice would be seen by the public as a third chamber of Parliament. This and other concerns about a First Nations Voice have been rebutted by the Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition. Other members of the Liberal Party have voiced strong support for the First Nations Voice, including Ken Wyatt, Minister for Indigenous Australians, Mr Phillip Ruddock, former Aboriginal Affairs Minister, Mr Julian Leeser MP and former Deputy Liberal leader, Mr Fred Chaney AO.

Growing support for the Uluru Statement's three tenets of Voice, Treaty, Truth is evident across Australian society, from business leaders to the constituents of your electorate. Both the Labor Party and the Australian Greens have already demonstrated support for a First Nations' Voice to be enshrined in the Constitution. In the event of a Yes vote in the referendum, Parliament will formalise the design and procedures of the First Nations Voice. The modest requests put forward by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders in the Uluru Statement from the Heart provide an opportunity for Australia to acknowledge our history and move forward together in a genuine process of reconciliation.

I understand there has been funding provided in this current 2019 – 2020 budget to facilitate further consultation of the Uluru Statement from the Heart. How will you be consulting with your constituents on this matter?

I also request that you support any motion brought to the Parliament that establishes a referendum on this issue.

Thank you for considering this request. I respectfully await your reply on this matter.

Yours faithfully,

Useful address blocks:

Hon. Scott Morrison MP  
Liberal member for Cook  
Prime Minister of Australia  
Australian Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Hon. Warren Snowdon MP  
Labor member for Lingiari  
Shadow Assistant Minister for Northern Australia  
Shadow Assistant Minister for External Territories  
Shadow Assistant Minister for Indigenous Australians  
Australian Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Hon. Linda Burney MP  
Labor member for Barton  
Shadow Minister for Families and Social Services  
Shadow Minister for Indigenous Australians  
Australian Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Hon. Ken Wyatt AM MP  
Liberal member for Hasluck  
Minister for Indigenous Australians  
Australian Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600