Uluru Statement from the Heart Toolkit





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

IF YOUR LOCAL MEMBER HAS DEMONSTRATED SUPPORT FOR THE ULURU STATEMENT

Dear XXXX

I am a constituent of your electorate and I am contacting you to seek your continued public support for the Uluru Statement from the Heart, and as a Member of Parliament, your vote for a referendum to allow the Australian people to have their say on a First Nations Voice to Parliament protected by the Constitution.

I understand YOU/YOUR PARTY has demonstrated its support for a First Nations Voice to Parliament protected by the Constitution and has called for a referendum on this issue. I wanted to seek your affirmation and continued support that you will pursue meaningful 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. We must keep the momentum going and your continued support at this time is important to ensure this opportunity for reform is not wasted.

It has now been four years since the Uluru Statement from the Heart was gifted to the Australian people. Support has grown from strength-to-strength for this reform, as Australians from all walks of life have accepted the invitation of the Uluru Statement in full to walk together for a better future.

Consistent polling shows that an overwhelming majority of Australians are ready to vote yes at a referendum on a First Nations Voice. Furthermore, 90% of the over 3,000 public submissions made in response to the Interim Voice Report have demonstrated their support for a First Nations Voice to Parliament protected by the Constitution. This support includes national icons such as Qantas to everyday people that want to see a positive change in their community.

As we have had an opportunity to discuss what a First Nations Voice to Parliament would look like through the Voice Co-Design process, it is now time for the Government and the Australian Parliament to commit to the next phase of reform and hold a referendum so that the Australian people can have their say.

I respectfully await your reply on this matter.

Yours faithfully

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IF YOUR LOCAL MEMBER HAS NOT DEMONSTRATED SUPPORT FOR THE ULURU STATEMENT

Dear XXXX

I am a constituent of your electorate and am contacting you to seek your public support for the Uluru Statement from the Heart and your commitment to holding a referendum so that the Australian people can have their say on a First Nations Voice to Parliament protected by the Constitution.

It has now been four years since the Uluru Statement from the Heart was gifted to the Australian people. Despite some initial concerns, support has grown from strength-to-strength for this reform, as Australians from all walks of life have accepted the invitation of the Uluru Statement in full to walk together for a better future.

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Yours faithfully,

Useful address blocks:

Hon. Scott Morrison MP Liberal member for Cook Prime Minister of Australia 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. 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. Ken Wyatt AM MP Liberal member for Hasluck Minister for Indigenous Australians Australian Parliament House Canberra ACT 2600