

## MP Letter Templates

Attached are examples of letter content that you can use to write to key elected representatives to let them know the Uluru Statement is important to you and the Australian people. It is especially important to write to representatives who have not yet shown support for the Uluru Statement, or who are part of a party that have not shown support.

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 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 at the First Nations National Constitutional Convention, a convention organised by the Referendum Council with bipartisan support. The statement calls for a 'First Nations Voice' enshrined in the Constitution and a Makarrata Commission to supervise agreement-making between governments and First Nations, and truth telling about our history.

Members of the Liberal and National parties have so far not shown support for a First Nations Voice, inaccurately citing that it would act as a third chamber of Parliament, or that there is not enough detail. This and other concerns about a First Nations Voice have been rebutted by the proposals outlined in the [Indigenous Voice Co-Design Report](#). Others have suggested that there is already equality for Indigenous peoples, though former High Court Justice Murray Gleeson has supported a constitutionally enshrined Voice to parliament, because in regard to Indigenous people, "The race power, by its very existence, calls into question the assumption of equality."

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. I request that you support the Uluru Statement also.

I also request that in the lead up to the referendum, you join the 'Yes' campaign and do all you can to ensure we succeed to help contribute to the journey of equality and equity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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

Yours faithfully,

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**IF YOUR LOCAL MEMBER 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 for a First Nations Voice to be enshrined in the Australian Constitution.

I understand your party has demonstrated its support for a First Nations Voice to be enshrined in the Australian Constitution and supports a yes outcome in the upcoming referendum on this issue. I seek your affirmation that you will continue to support this important reform.

The Uluru Statement from the Heart was endorsed by consensus on 26 May 2017 by delegates to an unprecedented national constitutional convention held at Uluru, in Central Australia. The modest proposals in the Uluru Statement from the Heart provide an opportunity for Australia to improve our democracy and national identity by including First Nations Voices in decision-making, and by a Makarrata Commission that will help us 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 that you continue to demonstrate your support for the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

I believe that First Nations people must be integral to the design of the Voice representative body model, and I request you support First Nations peoples in our electorate to participate to ensure local representation.

I respectfully await your reply on this matter.

Yours faithfully

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