

We need your help to grow the grassroots movement to support the Uluru Statement from the Heart and Voice, Treaty, Truth.

Welcome

The Uluru Statement from the Heart is a profound call from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples for constitutional change and structural reform in their relationship with Australia. The Uluru Statement calls for a First Nations Voice to Parliament protected by the Constitution and a Makarrata Commission to supervise agreement-making and truth-telling. These reforms are known as Voice, Treaty and Truth.

The success of any future referendum on protecting a First Nations Voice in the Constitution will depend on gaining the support of the majority of Australians, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous. Your support is essential and has helped get the Uluru Statement to where it is today.

Support for the Uluru Statement and a First Nations Voice to Parliament protected by the Constitution has grown from strength-to-strength since 2017 when the Uluru Statement was first gifted to the Australian people. The federal government has committed to a Referendum before the end of the Financial Year 2023-24. Diverse polling has shown an overwhelming majority of Australians are ready to vote yes.

This tool kit is an update to our previous toolkit designed to help Local Reconciliation Groups, organisations and individuals host events and facilitate conversations to increase knowledge about what the Uluru Statement from the Heart is. The momentum is building and we are very close to achieving our goal of the Australian people having their say at a referendum on a First Nations Voice.

This kit provides an easy and accessible guide to create an event that is as big or small as you wish to make it. A morning tea in the staff room, an afternoon tea in your home, a



workshop in your workplace, or a town hall gathering with a panel discussion or distinguished speaker.

We have provided ideas, templates, and access to resources both in hard copy and downloadable files.

Thanks for taking the time to explore this toolkit and we wish you great success in hosting an event in support of the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

Reconciliation NSW

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The Journey

How the Uluru Statement from the Heart was created

In May 2017, First Nations forged a historic consensus around the Uluru Statement. This consensus followed a ground-breaking process of engaging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from across Australia through deliberative dialogues in 13 regions. Joining each dialogue were approximately 100 representatives drawn from local Traditional Owners, Indigenous community-based organisations and Indigenous leaders. These dialogues selected representatives to attend the First Nations Constitutional Convention at Uluru. At the Convention, in an overwhelming consensus more than 250 delegates adopted the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

The Uluru Statement calls for three fundamental changes: Voice, Treaty, Truth. The first reform is the constitutional enshrinement of a First Nations Voice. The Voice will empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples politically. It will be a permanent institution for expressing First Nations' views to the parliament and government on important policy decisions affecting their rights. The next reform after the Voice is established is Treaty, followed by Truth. These reforms would involve establishing an independent Makarrata Commission to oversee the negotiation of treaties and truth-telling processes.



Image:
Professor Megan Davis, Pat Anderson AO and Noel Pearson at the First Nations National Constitutional Convention 2017 presenting the Uluru Statement from the Heart to the Australian people. Image: Jimmy Widders-Hunt