

4.4. Conversation tips

Find common ground

Finding common ground with friends/neighbours/people who are perhaps on the fence about enshrining an Indigenous Voice in the Constitution or leaning towards a no is important for having fruitful and respectful discussion.

Reflect on: Why do you personally care about the Uluru Statement? Why are you telling people this? This can lead to connecting with people based on common values. For example:

- We all want Australia to be a country that supports equality.
- Australia's founding document should be reflective of our shared and connected histories and identities, which includes more than 80,000 years of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.
- The Voice is about strengthening our democracy through enhanced participation.
- Recognising Australia's First Peoples and giving them a Voice supports justice and equality.
- We are one of few comparable democracies that still haven't recognised First Nations peoples in national legislation. Countries such as New Zealand, Canada, Finland, Sweden and Norway all have First Nations representative structures.
- Australia should rectify the wrongs of our colonial history by giving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people a say in matters that affect them.

Stay focussed

- Don't engage with topics that people may raise that are completely unrelated.

The opposition

- People who are absolutely sure on their 'no' position or exhibit racist ways of thinking are not worth the time!