

WHEN WE LISTEN, WE MAKE BETTER DECISIONS

When governments listen to people, they achieve better outcomes and use funding more effectively.



The Voice: A straightforward idea to drive practical results

1. **Recognising** 65,000 years of Indigenous culture in Australia's 122 year old constitution.
2. **Listening** and learning through the Voice – a diverse group of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who can provide advice to Parliament on matters that affect them.
3. **Protecting** the Voice in the Constitution so that it can't be dismantled at the whim of changing governments
4. **Agreeing** that the current approach isn't working; we need to change the status quo.

This idea has been decades in the making. The Indigenous community proposed it and **over 80% of Indigenous people support it.**

Outcomes are better when Indigenous peoples are consulted about their communities' health, education, employment and housing policies.

Protecting the Voice through the Constitution gives it the time and security it needs to start driving better outcomes, without risk of it being removed by politicians.

The Voice provides advice on **matters relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.** It's up to the Government to decide how / if they use that advice.



An opportunity to make a positive impact now and for future generations

Visibly showing your support for the the Voice in your community and online is a simple way to give others confidence in voting Yes too.

Research shows that you are the most influential voice for your friends and family.

It's as simple as starting a conversation with "I'm voting yes, and this is why".

The referendum question:

Australians will be asked to write Yes or No to the following question that proposes to update our constitution.

"A Proposed Law:

to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.

Do you approve of this proposed alteration?"

The proposed change to the constitution

In recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Peoples of Australia:

- i. there shall be a body, to be called the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice;
- ii. the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice may make representations to the Parliament and the Executive Government of the Commonwealth on matters relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples;
- iii. the Parliament shall, subject to this Constitution, have power to make laws with respect to matters relating to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice, including its composition, functions, powers and procedures.

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