



## THE SOCIETY SUPPORTS THE ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART

The Society of St Vincent de Paul NSW accepts the Uluru Statement from the Heart's invitation and is proud to support its calls for National Voice to Parliament.



### WHY THE SOCIETY SUPPORTS THE ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART

- The Society supports the Uluru Statement and a Voice to Parliament as part of our mission to shape a more just and compassionate society.
- By supporting the Uluru Statement we are supporting First Nations peoples who have suffered greatly as a result of colonisation.
- Colonisation resulted in violence, dispossession, and poverty. It led to discrimination, exclusion and trauma. These devastating effects continue to be experienced by First Nations peoples today.
- First Nations people comprise around one-fifth of the people that The Society works with and assists. By supporting the Uluru Statement and a Voice, we will reduce poverty and injustice experienced by First Nations people.
- Establishing a Voice to Parliament will give First Nations peoples a direct say over laws and policies that impact them. This will produce better outcomes in areas like health, education and employment.
- A First Nations Voice to Parliament is consistent with the Society's vision to encourage people to take control of their own destiny.
- The Catholic Church in Australia officially endorsed the Uluru Statement in July 2022.
- The Society has accepted the invitation of First Nations leaders and delegates to walk alongside First Nations people for a better future.

**We invite you to join us in a movement of the Australian people, based on our values of compassion, understanding and respect.**



## WHAT IS THE ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART?

- The Uluru Statement is an invitation from First Nations peoples to non-Indigenous Australians to walk together for a better future.
- It was developed in 2017 after a long and extensive deliberation process by over 250 First Nations delegates across Australia.
- The Statement calls for real and practical change through the establishment of a constitutionally enshrined Voice to Parliament and a Makarrata Commission to undertake processes of treaty-making and truth-telling.
- This is represented by the three elements of Voice, Truth and Treaty.
- The Federal Government has committed to holding a referendum on establishing a First Nations Voice to Parliament enshrined in the Constitution in its first parliamentary term.
- The draft wording proposed for the referendum is: “Do you support an alteration to the constitution that establishes an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice?”

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Read the Statement at: [ulurustatement.org/the-statement](http://ulurustatement.org/the-statement)

Read the Society’s statement, Joining the Struggle for Recognition, at: [www.vinnies.org.au/page/Publications/NSW/Vinnies\\_Social\\_Justice\\_Statement/Joining\\_the\\_Struggle\\_for\\_Recognition](http://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Publications/NSW/Vinnies_Social_Justice_Statement/Joining_the_Struggle_for_Recognition)

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We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the Traditional Custodians of this land, with deep respect. May the Elders, past and present, be blessed and honoured. May we join together and build a future based on compassion, justice, hope, faith and reconciliation.