



2023 Referendum Statement

Statement by the SEE Change Committee on

Enshrining a Voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in the Australian Constitution

SEE Change acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the ACT. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this city and the region.

In 2023 the Australian public will participate in a historic debate about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Constitutional recognition. The proposal for a First Nations Voice to Parliament enshrined in the Constitution follows from the 2017 Uluru Statement from the heart which asks Australians to walk together to build a better future for all Australians.

Enshrining a First Nations Voice in the Constitution is positively aligned with the objectives and values of SEE Change which explicitly recognise that humans and their health are strongly connected with their environment. SEE Change upholds the values of community and grassroots power, diversity and inclusion, justice and leadership and the SEE Change Committee and staff believes Constitutional recognition is an important step in realising improved outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

First Nation's people and their communities can play a vital role in environmental management and development because of their knowledge and traditional practices, and listening to the Voice to Parliament will enable their effective participation in the achievement of sustainable development.

The SEE Change Committee acknowledges and respects the diversity of views in our membership and the broader community in which we work and encourages people to engage in the Referendum debate and make their own informed decision.