

YES

makes change possible

Ten reasons to **VOTE YES**
on October 14!

1. VOICE = RECOGNITION

A YES vote will change the Constitution to **officially recognise** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the **First Peoples of Australia**. *Our Constitution is the only constitution of a first world nation with a colonial history that does not recognise its first people.*

2. VOICE = A VOICE

A YES vote will **enshrine an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice** in the Constitution to provide advice from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on **decisions, policies and laws that affect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people**.

3. VOICE = REPRESENTATION

A YES vote will establish a **legislated advisory body** made up of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are **elected by, and represent**, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities across Australia. It will be inclusive of all genders, backgrounds and ages.

4. VOICE = RIGHTS

The Voice will align with international law and policy in relation to **First Peoples' individual and collective rights**; cultural rights and identity; rights to education, health, employment, language, and others; and promote our **full and effective participation in all matters that concern us**.

5. VOICE = LISTENING

The Voice will require the government to **make decisions differently by listening** to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices about the needs of our communities. The advice will be based on our lived experience and deliver **solutions we know will work**. Government doesn't have to act on the advice, but they do have to listen.

6. VOICE = FUTURE

The Voice will protect and support **the needs of future generations** and ensure their voices are heard. It will help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people **preserve our culture and way of life** and help our communities to thrive. Evidence shows that outcomes are better when we have a say in the issues that affect us.

7. VOICE = MAJORITY

The Voice is **supported by over 80%** of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who believe that the Voice will **improve outcomes** for our children, young people, families and communities, now and into the future.

8. VOICE = INVITATION

The Voice is an invitation to work together and unite our country. The Uluru Statement from the Heart says: **'We invite you to walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future'**.

9. VOICE = CONSULTATION

The Voice was **proposed by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people** after 12 dialogues and 1 regional meeting held across Australia with local communities – the **biggest consultation process ever** of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

10. VOICE = CHANGE

Voting Yes makes change possible. What we've been doing in Australia is not working. We have not closed the gap. The Voice is an **opportunity** for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to **have a voice, and make real change**, now and for the future.

Be on the right side of history
– don't wake up on October 15 in a country that said no.