

cohealth support for YES vote for Voice to Parliament referendum

cohealth supports a First Nations Voice to Parliament enshrined in the Australian constitution.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were the first sovereign nations of Australia, and their sovereignty was never ceded. Connection with country, culture and community is deep and continuing.

The Uluru Statement from the Heart invites all Australians to recognise the sovereignty, strength and pride of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and to work together for a better future.

Born from deep conversation and consultation with First Nations communities across Australia the Uluru Statement from the Heart calls for a First Nations Voice to be enshrined in the Constitution. A Voice to Parliament will ensure that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a direct say in the policies and laws that affect them. It will pave an enduring path to self-determination and improved outcomes, opportunity and leadership.

cohealth recognises that there are different views about the Voice to Parliament amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and we respect this. At the same time, we have heeded the call of the Uluru Statement of the Heart, and listened to what our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander coworkers and the communities we work with have requested – our unwavering support for constitutional reform, where First Nations people manage their own affairs and have a Voice to Parliament.

We commit to sharing information and resources to help our staff and the communities we work with to understand what the Voice to Parliament will mean for our future.

cohealth wholeheartedly accepts the invitation to walk beside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders towards a hopeful future.

Learn more

We encourage you to learn more about the Voice to Parliament by visiting:

- [NIAA](#) – the official government website with details on Voice to parliament
- [YES23](#)
- [Reconciliation Australia](#)
- [UluruStatement.org](#)

