



5 April 2023

The Honourable Peter Dutton
Leader of the Liberal Party of Australia
Parliament of Australia
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr Dutton,

Re: The Uluru Statement from the Heart

The Sisters of St Joseph, together with many other Australian Communities have declared our endorsement of the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

The request for a Voice has come from First Nations peoples across Australia. It is our conviction that the Australian Constitution needs to include a recognition that Indigenous Peoples were the First Peoples of this land.

We believe also that it is imperative to include in the Constitution the right of First Nations peoples to be consulted over matters that relate to their lives. We have witnessed in our history the sad experience of the damage that has been caused when new Governments have overturned legislation enacted by earlier Governments. We need more than legislation. We need for this right to be included in the Constitution.

As discussions continue over the coming days, it is our sincere desire that your Party will come to a position of support for the Voice to Parliament.

We know we cannot change the past, but we can together right the wrongs of the past and build a better future for all Australians. We urge you to listen to the voices of the majority of First Nations people and to support this referendum.

Yours in hope,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jan Barnett rsj".

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