



ADC Statement on Voice to Parliament

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The Australian Dental Council (ADC) acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Peoples of Australia. On Saturday 14 October 2023, all Australians will be asked to vote on the inclusion of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice in the Australian Constitution.

The ADC supports the Uluru Statement from the Heart, which consists of three core elements: Voice, Treaty, and Truth. The guiding principles and objectives outlined in the Uluru Statement resonate deeply with the ADC's continued commitment to addressing healthcare inequalities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and a health system free from racism.

We encourage individuals to engage in the ongoing conversation, explore Indigenous Australia's rich history, and make an informed decision underpinned by the values and the intention of the Uluru Statement from the Heart. Obtaining new knowledge and deconstructing previous beliefs and misconceptions are vital to cultural safety.

Our unwavering commitment to cultural safety remains at the forefront. We encourage everyone to seek out reliable sources to inform yourself of the debate.

For further insights into the Uluru Statement from the Heart, please visit this link: <https://ulurustatement.org/>. Comprehensive information regarding the National Scheme's commitment to eliminating healthcare-related racism and prioritising cultural safety can be found [within the Statement of Intent](#), the [National Scheme's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Cultural Safety Strategy 2020–2025](#), and [recent legislative revisions](#).

The Indigenous Dental Association Australia (IDAA) has issued a [statement](#) regarding the Voice to Parliament.

The Australia Human Rights Commission has produced a [referendum resource kit](#), which encourages the Australian public to consider the Uluru Statement from the Heart and the proposed Indigenous Voice to Parliament through a human rights lens.