

Dear friends

I wish to call on the parliament of Australia to support the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

This report followed an historic convention of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people held at Uluru on the 50th Anniversary of the landmark 1967 Referendum in May 2017. The convention resulted in the release of the Statement, which set out a clear vision to progress constitutional reform, agreement making, and truth telling. These issues are pillars of reconciliation.

While the government's initial response was disheartening, the movement for change remains strong. I wish to add my support for the work of Reconciliation Australia, in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander-led organisations, which organisations continue to make the case for genuine engagement with First Nations people to progress towards these national reforms.

Please do not continue to ignore or deny the true history of Australia. Please listen to the voice of Aboriginal Australia. Please help our nation to grow up.

Sincerely
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