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Parliamentary Committee The Voice referendum - submission

Dear Committee

I would support The Voice referendum if it only related to special laws that affected only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to the exclusion of all other Australians.

However, it is unreasonable to ask Australians to accept that such a small group of peoples, who represent only about 3% of the population, can influence laws that affect all Australians in the manner proposed by the referendum, simply because part of their ancestry dates back to people living in 1788.

If the wording of the referendum does not change, I will vote no.

If the wording of the referendum does change as I and many others have suggested, I will vote yes.

I believe a lot of good will Australians hold the same position as I do.

The referendum affects all Australians, not just Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The referendum therefore needs to be viewed in that context.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Regards

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