

The Hon. Members,  
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Ladies and Gentlemen, my submission will be short and sweet. I am an Australian of Welsh/Irish and Maori descent. I was born in Alice Springs and I am a proud Australian. I object to the statement that (quote) "The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages are the original Australian languages, a part of our national heritage." I view this as divisive, discriminatory and racist and 'political correctness' gone mad. How in the world is this recognition of 'their' language going to help them or us in the overall scheme of things other than make the thought police 'feel good'? This 'Recognition' initiative is yet again a classic example of woefully-misguided, leftist ideology attempting to fix problems by applying solutions that will (a) be costly and (b) completely ineffective simply because the 'fix' yet again does not even remotely address the true causes of the social and financial problems being experienced by those peoples. We are ALL Australians, do the right thing and get rid of this submission.

Respectfully yours.  
James Lewis.