

Resolution from the Anglican General Synod at Maroochydore on 5 September 2017

R28/17 - First Nations' Voice

Dr Carolyn Tan moving, The Very Rev'd Peter Catt seconding
The General Synod:

1. Supports the recommendation of the Referendum Council for a constitutionally-entrenched First Nations' Voice to the Commonwealth Parliament;
2. Encourages the governments in Australia to seek to negotiate in good faith with First Nations' Peoples towards treaties or other similar forms of agreement;
3. Requests the General Secretary to convey this resolution to the Prime Minister, State Premiers, and Leaders of the Opposition;
4. Requests the Public Affairs Commission in consultation with NATSIAC to prepare resources, including summaries and theological reflections for use by Anglican parishes, schools and organisations, on the Referendum Council Report on any subsequent referendum questions and on the progress of treaty or similar negotiations.

Resolution from the Perth Anglican Synod on 7 October 2017

16/17 Referendum Council

Dr Carolyn Tan moved, Mr James Jegasothy seconding,
That this Synod:

- 1 Supports the recommendation of the Referendum Council for a constitutionally entrenched First Nations' voice to the Commonwealth Parliament;
- 2 supports the principle that a treaty or similar agreement should be negotiated between governments and First Nations' peoples;
- 3 writes to the Prime Minister, Leader of the Federal Opposition as well as the Premier and Leader of the Opposition in Western Australia to convey this support;
- 4 requests the Social Responsibilities Commission, as allowed by its budget, to distribute or create summaries of:
 - a the Referendum Council Report,
 - b any questions to be put to a referendum, and
 - c information concerning treaty negotiations, along with theological reflections; and
- 5 encourages parishes, schools and agencies to use and distribute such materials when available.

CARRIED

Resolution from the Adelaide Anglican Synod on 28/29 October 2017

Moved by The Right Rev'd Chris McLeod, Seconded by Ms Katherine Dellit:

That this Synod expresses its disappointment that the Federal Government has rejected the proposal by the 'Reconciliation Council' of a 'National Indigenous Representative Assembly – A First Nations Voice' to be enshrined in the Australian Constitution, and encourages the Federal Government to reconsider its position.