



Uluru Statement from the Heart

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Background

The Uluru Statement from the Heart is a national Indigenous consensus position on Indigenous constitutional recognition, developed from a constitutional convention of 250 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander delegates. The convention was held on the land of the Anangu people at Uluru in 2017. The Statement calls for the establishment of a 'First Nations Voice' to be codified and enshrined in the Australian Constitution.

Position

We wish to thank the first nations people for the gift that the Uluru Statement of the Heart is to the people of Australia.

Maternal Health Matters is humbled by this gift and proud to support the Uluru Statement from the Heart. We know the Statement articulates a powerful and unique opportunity for us all to join together in achieving an equitable future for all Australians. This historical mandate for action must not be ignored and we call for the Australian Government to take immediate action in order to achieve this compelling Statement of consensus.

We know that the settlement of Australia profoundly disrupted the cultural, spiritual and physical connection between the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this country and their land, water and community. To ameliorate this disruption, achievements have been made, however there is still much work to be done. We also know that reconciliation must live in the hearts and minds of all Australians and we believe enacting the Statement is foundational to 'closing the gap'.

In conclusion, Maternal Health Matters gratefully accepts the invitation from Australia's first nations peoples to walk with you in a movement of the Australian people for a better future through a full and forthright expression of Australia's nationhood.