



14.1 Notice of Motion – Councillor Robbie Nyaguy – Voice to Parliament

I, Councillor Robbie Nyaguy, give notice that I intend to move the Motion outlined below at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 07 June 2023:

That Council:-

1. Supports the Uluru Statement from the Heart, including a First Nations Voice to Parliament that is enshrined in the Australian Constitution.
2. Reaffirms its commitment to lead reconciliation and advance the self-determination of First Nations people who live, visit, or have connection to this land and City.
3. Through well-established communication channels, supports clear and accurate provision of information necessary for this community's informed decision making with regards to the Voice to Parliament referendum.
4. Commits to further advance truth telling, community voice and the self-determination of First Nations people through the development of its third Reconciliation Action Plan.

Supporting Information

- The Uluru Statement from the Heart is an expression of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander desires for substantive reform to the Australian Constitution and to sponsor truth-telling about the past.
- The Statement calls for, "a process of agreement-making and truth-telling about our history."
- The Australian Government has committed to implement the Uluru Statement from the Heart in full and has made a commitment that a referendum be held in this term of Parliament to enshrine an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice in the Australian Constitution.
- The City of Port Phillip Attitudes to Reconciliation Survey conducted between April 1 and May 15, 2019, with 563 residents participating, provides clear evidence that Port Phillip Citizens:
 - want Council to be involved in reconciliation and are prepared to be personally involved themselves.
 - see Council as having a strong commitment to reconciliation and view Council as a leader in this area.
- While the 2023 Referendum is a Federal Government initiative, Councils are close to their communities, and considered well placed to advance the local value, and importance of reconciliation, self-determination and the voice of First Nations people.
- The result on the Referendum will inform Council's grass roots work in supporting local area First Nations voice and leadership.