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**Re: The Uluru Statement from the Heart**

Dear Premier

I would like to congratulate you on becoming Premier of NSW. In doing so, I would like to draw your attention to the action which has been taken by the Commonwealth and by some States to advance the proposals made in the 'Uluru Statement from the Heart', adopted by the First Nations National Constitutional Convention in May 2017.

The Uluru Statement calls for the establishment of a 'First Nations Voice' to Parliament enshrined in the Constitution and a 'Makarrata Commission' to supervise a process of 'agreement-making' and 'truth-telling' between governments and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

In order to implement in part the Uluru Statement, the Commonwealth Government plans to hold a referendum later this year to amend the Australian Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia and to establish an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.

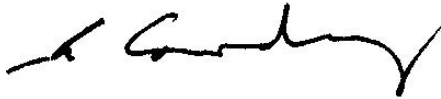
Action has been taken in some Australian jurisdictions to advance the Uluru Statement. Victoria established the Victorian First Peoples' Assembly in 2019 as an elected voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The Assembly is presently engaged in a treaty process for Victoria.

The South Australian Parliament recently passed the First Nations Voice Act, 2023. The Voice will be made up of elected Local First Nations Voices and a statewide First Nations Voice which will provide advice to the South Australian Parliament and the South Australian Government on matters of interest to First Nations people

Queensland has recently introduced a Path to Treaty Bill which will establish a First Nations Treaty Institute to prepare a framework for treaty negotiations. Other jurisdictions such as Tasmania and the ACT are considering or acting on proposals to establish truth-telling or treaty processes.

I hope that, in the light of these developments, the Government of NSW will give early consideration to the action it could take to advance the proposals contained in the Uluru Statement in this State. Would you please advise if such action is underway?

Yours faithfully



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