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Submission to the Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition Relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

Constitutional Reform and the Uluru Statement from the Heart The Pillars of Recognition 2018

The members of the Marrickville Peace Group in Sydney, NSW wish to declare their support for the Uluru Statement from the Heart and Constitutional Reform.

The *Uluru Statement from the Heart* sets out a clear vision to progress constitutional reform, agreement making, and truth telling. These issues are pillars of reconciliation.

The history of Australia began with the First Nations' peoples. Failing to recognize and build on that truth is to ignore the roots of Australia. It ignores the original Australians and the Torres Strait Islander people, their descendants and their contemporary organisations.

The case for genuine engagement with First Nations People to progress towards change is overwhelmingly strong.

In 2018 it is essential that we have genuine engagement with First Nations people to progress towards our national reforms.

The Marrickville Peace Group heartily endorses the Statement's call for the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution.

Very sincerely

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