

## STATEMENT

23 May 2024

### Allies for Uluru Statement of Commitment

On 14 October 2023, more than six million Australians said 'Yes' to walking together with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples for a better future.

In the wake of the referendum, the Allies for Uluru continue to stand in solidarity with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. As a coalition of civil society organisations, corporations and community groups, we are committed to demonstrating our full and unwavering support for the core principles of the Uluru Statement from the Heart. That is...

- We recommit to actively pursuing the establishment of representative voices for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples;
- We recommit to supporting sovereign to sovereign agreement-making and treaty negotiations between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and Australian governments; and
- We recommit to actively pursuing a national truth-telling process, as a vehicle for healing.

We will not be fair-weather allies, we will not turn back, and we will not hesitate in continuing to fight for justice and self-determination for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. In line with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), self-determination is the right of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to be in control of decision-making that affects their lives. We recognise that this self-determination must be catalysed by the transfer of funding and decision making to Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations. As Allies, we will also seek to embody Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representative voices in our own structures and programs.

As Allies, we must incubate our hope for a better future, yet more than this, we must join our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in building the future that we desire. We will do this by continuing to advocate for the rights and aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Where we see pockets of hope or progress – nationally, regionally and locally – we will add our voices to those of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leaders, organisations and communities.

We call on all Australian governments and opposition parties to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to lay the foundation for a more fair and truthful relationship between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and non-Indigenous

Australians. We believe that this will deliver a better future for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, one based on justice and self-determination. In turn, we believe that this will deliver a better future for all Australians.

The Allies for Uluru reaffirm that the way forward for our nation lies in accepting the generous invitation of the Uluru Statement from the Heart and actively working together with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to build our shared vision for a mature, just and equal Australia.

Signed,

The Fred Hollows Foundation  
ANTAR  
Oxfam Australia  
Australian Council of Social Services  
Settlement Services International  
Perinatal Wellbeing Centre  
Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health  
University of Divinity  
Sydney Peace Foundation  
Health Voyage Ltd  
HIPA International Pty Ltd  
Koala Action Inc.  
UnitingCare Australia  
Australian Conservation Foundation  
Public Interest Advocacy Centre  
Australian Lawyers Alliance  
Uniting Church in Australia Assembly  
Uniting Church in Australia - Synod of Victoria and Tasmania  
Shoalhaven Alliance for Yes23  
SEARCH Foundation  
Health Justice Australia  
Beyond Blue  
ANTaR ACT  
Public Health Association of Australia  
Mental Health Australia  
Sacred Heart Mission  
Reconciliation NSW  
IWDA  
Palliative Care Australia

Cerebral Palsy Alliance  
The Wilderness Society  
Edmund Rice Centre for Justice  
Dataspace Insight Pty Ltd  
The Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council  
Greenpeace Australia Pacific  
Speaking Up For You  
ANTaR Queensland  
West Australian Council of Social Service  
Catholic Social Services Australia  
Infoxchange  
WWF-Australia  
Save the Children Australia/54 reasons  
Voice from the Heart Alliance  
Women's Reconciliation Network  
Wynnum Manly Yes Group  
Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace  
Cohealth  
Consumers of Mental Health WA  
One World Centre  
Tearfund  
Australian Democracy Network  
NSW Teachers Federation  
Benarrawa Community Development Association  
SGS Economics and Planning  
Indigenous Eye Health Unit, The University of Melbourne  
Mission Australia  
ANTaR Victoria

