

The Voice to Parliament FAQ

Did you know?



Australians come from all different backgrounds, beliefs and speak many languages.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples were the first people to live in Australia and have lived here for over 65,000 years.



Uluru Statement to Heart

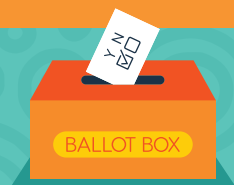
In 2017, 250 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people met 13 times to discuss what would help create a better future for them. They made an Uluru Statement from the Heart, asking for a Voice to Parliament to be included in the Constitution.



What is the Voice to Parliament Referendum?

This year, we can change the Constitution by voting yes in the Voice to Parliament Referendum. This gives Australia the chance to:

- recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People's rights, history and relationship with this land, and
- create an Advisory group of First Peoples to make sure their ideas and voices can be heard on laws and issues that affect them.



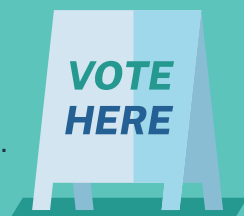
What is Parliament?

Parliament is part of the Government and includes a group of people who represent the people of Australia. It is where laws are made, and the work of the Government is discussed.

What is a Referendum?

A referendum asks a question.

If you can vote, you can only answer 'Yes' or 'No' to the question. This is the only way to change Australia's Constitution.



- **How is the Referendum decided?**
The law is changed if more than half of people and States and Territories vote 'Yes' and agree to change the Constitution.
- **Who can vote in the Referendum?**
To vote, you must be 18 years or older, an Australian citizen and registered to vote.
- **How do I vote in the Voice Referendum?**
You go to a polling place and vote on a ballot paper.
- **When will the Australian and Torres Strait Islander Voice Referendum be held?**
It will be held on Saturday 14th of October, 2023.