The Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare embraces the Uluru Statement from the Heart and **strongly supports** a constitutionally enshrined First Nations Voice to Parliament.





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We, gathered at the 2017 National Constitutional Convention, coming from MARA JAR. NURRETI KONJARU DULC) all points of the southern sky, make this statement from the heart: Lisa Mumbin : Cara Suk o JUNE OSONR Valda Napumi Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tribes were the first No Jawoyn 15+ DENES BOWDEN Tennant Greek NT cannot be because we have no love for them. And our youth BUNUE overeign Nations of the Australian continent and its adjacent languish in detention in obscene numbers. They should be our SUZANNE NADEN Worlpin/Warning Kenthyc/Alyanaw HIUN LIW islands, and possessed it under our own laws and customs hope for the future Gail Beck This our ancestors did, according to the reckoning of our YOIN NATION Aulintia . These dimensions of our crisis tell plainly the structural nature DISDERN OAK culture, from the Creation, according to the common law from NOONgai of our problem. This is the torment of our powerlessne 1 Ans Merc Mare Marthan Jesse John 'time immemorial', and according to science more than 60,000 CARNARVON T31- Althot June Link in Merv. Riley We seek constitutional reforms to empower our people and WA. venes into. R. Williams Yugambal take a rightful place in our own country. When we have power Jopen Schmider This sovereignty is a spiritual notion: the ancestral tie between over our destiny our children will flourish. They will walk in the land, or 'mother nature', and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait PERY ANIANT two worlds and their culture will be a gift to their country. any Comman ALANA ALICIA CHARTE Islander peoples who were born therefrom, remain attached Repired M. Old Charby Patar WINDE. We call for the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined thereto, and must one day return thither to be united with our BUTCHILLA meestors. This link is the basis of the ownership of the soil, or in the Constitution. THUDGARI RINARD SMPSH Geoffiner Shannon better, of sovereignty. It has never been ceded or extinguished, Makarrata is the culmination of our agenda: the coming together Wanumunik Walain and co-exists with the sovereignty of the Crown. Barbara R Shaw 200 offer a struggle. It captures our aspirations for a fair and truthful Billy Hungage How could it be otherwise? That peoples possessed a land for relationship with the people of Australia and a better future toto - M Nancy Camp. DANIEL SHOET sixty millennia and this sacred link disappears from world Delusie for our children based on justice and self-determination. BARDI JANI ORAL MCANNARRIN HAZELBA history in merely the last two hundred years? NONI EATHER We seek a Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of HERE SULOSADO BOONCAR With substantive constitutional change and structural reform, agreement-making between governments and First Nations William Marriel Robins Ribbs MELISSA CLARKE Palama Tay NGARDINDIAN we believe this ancient sovereignty can shine through as a and truth-telling about our history. SHADH EVEN DIES fuller expression of Australia's nationhood. NGAARINDYER! In 1967 we were counted, in 2017 we seek to be heard. We leave wilcentia SAN KICKETT Proportionally, we are the most incarcerated people on the ase camp and start our trek across this vast country. We invite Jethneylan Die planet. We are not an innately criminal people. Our children you to walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for Store Brown Inine GERTZ Phillonian Marty Guyu Balhun Kultalong Tava Bu Ngadjan Sannad Anica are aliened from their families at unprecedented rates. This a better future. 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Pictured above: The Uluru Statement from the Heart, with signatures of those who attended the National Convention in 2017. The surrounding artwork, by Rene Kulitja and other local artists (Charmaine Kulitja, Happy Reid and Christine Brumby), depicts Anangu stories (Tjukurrpa) about the creation of the country around Uluru. Photographed by Thomas Mayor.

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- Uluru Statement from the Heart, 26 May 2017

We accept the invitation to walk with First Nations peoples in pursuit of their rightful place in Australia.

The Voice presents an opportunity for First Nations peoples to hold the Federal Government accountable and have a say in the decisions that affect their children, families, and communities. It presents a crucial step forward in the journey toward reconciliation and self-determination.

As the leading peak organisation for child and family services in Victoria, we stand in solidarity with our First Nations colleagues and communities. We pledge to listen deeply to, collaborate closely with, and support First Nations children, families, communities, and organisations to self-determine on their terms.

We are committed to promoting Treaty and truth-telling in Victoria and will continue to do so while empowering the realisation of a First Nations Voice to Parliament.

The Centre stands by First Nations peoples in support of the Voice.

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