

Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) Support for proposed Voice Constitutional Amendment

The Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) supports the proposed Voice Constitutional Amendment.

The ASRC is a proud supporter of the Uluru Statement from the Heart in full and as an organisation we are ready to Vote Yes for the Voice in the upcoming referendum as the wording delivers on the mandate of the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

Constitutional recognition through an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voice is the form of recognition chosen by the Indigenous community. We support this self-determined position. It is the result of over 12 years of work, 7 processes and 10 reports.

The final amendment and referendum question are fit for purpose, are legally sound and should not be changed.

Our vision is that all Australians, First Nations people and those who have come here seeking asylum, can live safely, sustainably, independently and equally. That people are fully represented at the executive and parliament. The Voice needs to be able to speak to both the executive and parliament. Without being able to do so the Voice will not be able to deliver meaningful change.

We imagine a future where the cultures, histories and rights of First Nations people are recognised and valued by everyone in our community forming a proud part of our shared national identity. We are committed to promoting and supporting meaningful reconciliation actions that empower First Nations people.

Actively supporting the Yes campaign and Voice to Parliament is part of that commitment.

We support a referendum to change the constitution and this important first step in the journey to voice, treaty and truth.

We signed onto the Uluru Statement from the Heart in April 2021 and our support for constitutional amendment is continuation of our commitment to the Uluru Statement.

The ASRC's support is in line with our Reconciliation Action Plan and Purpose Statement. As a human rights organisation that speaks out against injustice for refugees and people seeking asylum, the ASRC joins the fight for justice with First Nations people.