

Ethnic Communities Council of Western Australia

Ethnic Communities Council of WA Endorses Joint Resolution and Supports Yes23 Campaign

MEDIA RELEAS

The Ethnic Communities Council of Western Australia (ECCWA), the peak body for culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) communities in the region, has signed the <u>Joint Resolution of Multicultural Australia For Voice</u>. Having a First Nations Voice reflects ECCWA's commitment to recognising and honouring the First Peoples of Australia.

In alignment with Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia (FECCA) and Multicultural Australia for Voice, ECCWA fully supports the Uluru Statement from the heart and its call for a First Nations voice guaranteed by the Constitution. We believe that this reform is modest, practical, and fair, and we are committed to working towards a unified nation that respects and celebrates its diverse cultures.

The campaign seeks to achieve recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples through enshrining a Voice to Parliament in the Constitution that will permanently give First Nations people a say on the issues that affect them and achieve better outcomes for people in communities across Australia. It aims to reset a debate that has often been dominated by dense legal arguments and political fights. We recognise the importance of the upcoming referendum and are dedicated to addressing any cultural barriers that may exist in CaLD communities in understanding the referendum.

As part of our commitment, ECCWA will:

- Engage with CaLD communities to educate and raise awareness about the referendum and the significance of the First Nations Voice.
- Make information accessible and understandable to all members of our diverse community through collaborating with local organisations and community leaders.
- Organise events, workshops, and forums to foster dialogue and encourage participation in the Yes23 campaign.

ECCWA's endorsement of the Joint Resolution and support for the Yes23 campaign reflects our ongoing commitment to promoting inclusivity, understanding, and collaboration within Western Australia's multicultural landscape

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