

# MOCS Endorsement of the Uluru Statement from the Heart

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MOCS endorses the Uluru Statement from the Heart and supports the Statement's invitation for all of us to work together for the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander sovereignty and a future that connects us to each other. We wholeheartedly support the establishment of a First Nations Voice to be enshrined in the Constitution and a Makarrata Commission to lead truth telling and treaty making.

The Uluru Statement from the Heart is a national First Nations statement that was developed by 250 delegates at the National Constitutional Convention in May 2017, following a rigorous consultation process involving 13 regional dialogues across Australia and 1,200 representatives. The Statement outlines three strategies (Voice to Parliament, Truth Telling and Treaty making) which support the process of self-determination essential to the wellbeing of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

MOCS asks that the Australian government listen to this powerful call and act to constitutionally enshrine a First Nations Voice to parliament so that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples all over Australia, including the Blue Mountains' Gundungurra and Darug communities, can have a voice on the laws, policies and programs that impact their everyday lives. MOCS supports the establishment of the Makarrata Commission to supervise the truth-telling and treaty making that must occur before we can all move towards a future where we share an identity and feel proud to be Australian.

MOCS commits to action through its Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan, to work with our local community to support the structural reform outlined in the Uluru Statement from the Heart. Through all our activities across the Blue Mountains, MOCS endeavours to communicate the invitation within the Uluru Statement from the Heart. We pledge to respond to this invitation and help to create a legacy of shared community and identity in our region, state and country.