



MEDIA STATEMENT

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“Let’s accept the gift we have been generously offered” - Kate Chaney welcomes findings of the Voice Referendum report

After 5 weeks of public hearings and public submissions, today the Joint Select Committee on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice Referendum tabled its report on the proposed wording of the Voice Referendum.

Kate Chaney MP said: “In the words of the late Yunipingu, First Nations people are seeking an “honest answer from the Australian people to an honest question”. This report shows that the referendum words give effect to what was asked for in the Uluru Statement of the Heart.”

“The Committee heard that recognition through a Voice is supported by a significant majority of First Nations people.”

“I am glad that we can now push ahead strongly to make sure this Referendum is a success, and work towards establishing a Voice to Parliament by the end of the year”.

Kate said: “The Committee read 269 public submissions and held five separate public hearings around the country over the last month. They listened to every group and individual that wanted to be heard.”

“My community will be pleased to see that constitutional experts like Robert French, Kenneth Hayne, Anne Twomey, George Williams and Bret Walker gave evidence that there was little to no basis for concerns about making representations to the Executive Government.

Myths about the risk to the processes of the broader legal systems have also been debunked.”

“It’s disappointing to see that some Committee members from the Liberal and National parties have not changed their views or listened to the weight of evidence put before the Committee. I commend Senator Andrew Bragg for his additional comments and continued support for the Voice despite his party’s position.”

“I am confident that voting for this wording and this proposal is the right thing to do so I will be campaigning for a Yes to the Referendum.”

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