

Statement of Intent

We, the First Ministers of Australia, in recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders as the First Peoples of Australia, commit to working collaboratively to support a constitutionally enshrined Voice to Parliament.

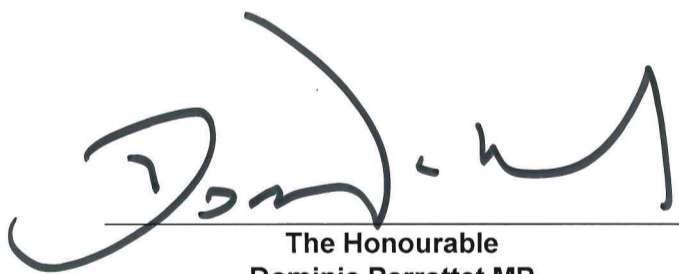
We recognise this significant opportunity to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders as the First Peoples of Australia in our Constitution. We also acknowledge the enduring strength of First People leadership and knowledge through the establishment of a Voice to the Australian Parliament on matters affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities.

We note the principles for the Voice put forward by the Referendum Working Group, which identify the Voice as a body that:

- provides independent advice to the Parliament and Government
- is chosen by First Nations people based on the wishes of local communities
- is representative of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
- is empowering, community led, inclusive, respectful, culturally informed and gender balanced, and includes youth
- is accountable and transparent
- works alongside existing organisations and traditional structures
- does not have a program delivery function
- does not have a veto power.

All State and Territory governments support the Australian Government in ensuring Australians are afforded a free and fair referendum process. We commit to support the Voice referendum by working together on national measures to:

- ensure the integrity and transparency of the referendum process, including by ensuring voters are informed about the Voice and referendum process,
- ensure the national conversation about the Voice, and the referendum process, are conducted in a respectful and informed manner, and
- consider steps for implementing the Voice following a successful referendum, including the design of the Voice and arrangements at the regional local levels.



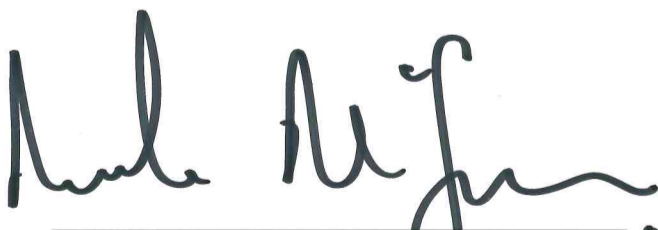
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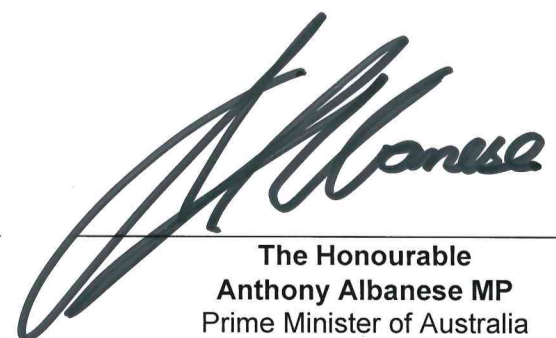
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