



I invite you to walk with me to support the **VOICE** on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> of September at 12noon at BJÖRKÖ KONSTNOD Simpnavägen 739 SE-764 53 Björkö SWEDEN.

**We will together raise our voices in solidarity for the First Peoples of Australia as they seek recognition through the establishment of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to parliament enshrined in the constitution.**

**On this day we will be joining thousands of Australians as they take to the streets for a WALK FOR YES: [https://www.yes23.com.au/walk\\_for\\_yes](https://www.yes23.com.au/walk_for_yes)**

### **A brief history of the VOICE**

<https://voice.gov.au/about-voice/history-constitutional-recognition-and-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-voice>

**May 2017** 250 First Nations Representatives called for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice through the [Uluru Statement from the Heart](#).

**21 May 2022** The Prime Minister of Australia, the Hon Anthony Albanese MP committed to implementing the Uluru Statement from the Heart in full.

**14 October 2023** Referendum to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.

## Referendum question

The question to be put to the Australian people on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2023 referendum will be:

**"A Proposed Law: to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by *establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice*.  
Do you approve this proposed alteration?"**

## Constitutional amendment

The proposed law that Australians are being asked to approve at the referendum would insert a new section into the Constitution:

### **"Chapter IX Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples 129 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice**

In recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Peoples of Australia:

1. There shall be a body, to be called the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice;
2. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice may make representations to the Parliament and the Executive Government of the Commonwealth on matters relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples;
3. The Parliament shall, subject to this Constitution, have power to make laws with respect to matters relating to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice, including its composition, functions, powers and procedures."

*"Without our voice, and without security of place in our own land, the empowerment of our people will remain out of reach."*

**June Oscar AO**, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner on the anniversary of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.