

TSANZ proudly supports an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament.

In July 2019, on behalf of society members, The Transplantation Society of Australia and New Zealand (TSANZ) Council announced its support for the Uluru Statement of the Heart (<u>Uluru</u> <u>Statement</u>). Within the Uluru Statement are the words: '*We call for the establishment of a First Nations Voice enshrined in the Constitution*' and '*We invite you to walk with us in a movement of the Australian people for a better future*'.

TSANZ recognises that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities experience greater health inequities than non-Indigenous people, and that historically they have been excluded from decision-making relating to issues affecting their health and wellbeing. A Voice to Parliament would provide First Nations people with a permanent body to make representations to Parliament and the Executive Government on matters that are of particular significance to their communities. By actively listening and including First Nations voices in decisions that impact their lives, we can better support their health and wellbeing outcomes.

Today, September 13th, 2023, TSANZ Council reiterates and reaffirms its unwavering support for the Uluru Statement for a First Nations Voice enshrined in the constitution, and our active choice to walk with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, for a better future.