

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I live just down the street. This isn't something I often do, but I wanted to share this letter with you today because I am really passionate about supporting the upcoming Voice referendum and wanted to share with you the reasons why.

I'm sure you're probably tired of your news feeds being filled with confusing, divisive messages about the Voice. It's hard to cut through the misinformation and find the facts. It seems that, with all this politics, we've lost sight of what the Voice is actually all about.

**Did you know that the Voice to Parliament was proposed by Indigenous Australians, not politicians?** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been calling for constitutional recognition and a Voice for decades.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are amongst the most disadvantaged people in Australia. They live eight years less than non-Indigenous Australians and have worse rates of disease and infant mortality. That's why the focus of the Voice will be addressing health, education, housing and employment.

For decades governments have implemented programs and policies that have failed. We have wasted countless resources because these programs were designed by bureaucrats in Canberra, without input from the grassroots communities they intended to serve.

**We know that when we listen, we get better results.**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have made the modest request to be recognised in our constitution through a Voice. The Voice will be an advisory committee, made up of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, who will give advice to government about the unique and specific challenges that affect their communities. It will be up to the government of the day to decide how to use this advice.

**Ultimately, the Voice is a small amendment that will make no difference to the majority of Australians, but have an enormous, positive impact on Indigenous communities across the country.**

I encourage you to stand with me and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across the country and Vote Yes, for a better future.

If you want to learn more about the Voice, volunteer with me, or show your support for the Voice go to [yes23.com.au](https://yes23.com.au).

I'd love to chat with you more about this!

Yours sincerely,

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I've taken it upon myself to promote this in the community, and printed this letter myself.

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