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ULURU STATEMENT WORKING GROUP

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NOW PRIME MINISTER – AUSTRALIA IS READY

The Uluru Statement Working Group met over three days at Brambuk Cultural Centre in Halls Gap, Victoria to further discuss how to achieve the spirit and intent of the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

The Uluru Statement Working Group was elected by the delegates at the Constitutional Reform National Dialogue held at Uluru in May this year. This working group was given the mandate to progress the aspirations contained in the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

The Delegates have been buoyed by the recent marriage equality **YES** vote of the Australian nation and we believe the Australian public is now ready to engage in a dialogue with the First Peoples of this country around an elected representative Voice, a Makarrata & Truth Telling Commission.

The Uluru Statement Working Group calls on the Prime Minister to respectfully consider the Truth Telling and Makarrata Commission carefully and engage meaningfully with the First Peoples of Australia through the mandated working group.

Co-Chairs Suzanne Thompson and Josie Crawshaw said ‘there has been a groundswell of support from individuals, corporates and NGO’s from across Australia for a First People’s Voice to Parliament. The Prime Minister must give Australia’s First People’s a guaranteed fair go and engage with us, work with us, on the framework to make sure that the principles of the Uluru Statement from the Heart are implemented for First People’s of Australia.’

The Uluru Statement Working Group acknowledges and thanks the people and organisations who provided financial and in-kind support to make the USWG forum at Brambuk in Victoria a success.

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