

FAQs on the Voice

Will the Voice make a difference?

YES. Giving Indigenous communities a say on issues that affect them will help the Parliament to make better decisions to improve the lives of First Nations people. It is also a huge step toward Reconciliation and uniting us as a nation.

Why don't all Indigenous people support the Voice?

Like any group, not all Indigenous people agree with the Voice being a first step. Polling*, however, has shown 80% of Indigenous people do. The Uluru Statement, which asked for the Voice, had 250 signatures representing more than 100 indigenous communities from right across Australia.

Why do we need a Voice when there are Indigenous politicians?

Politicians are voted in and out. The Voice will be in the Constitution and this gives certainty that First Nation's peoples will have a say on issues that affect them, no matter who is in government.

*Ipsos Poll, Jan 2023



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Will it create a string of court battles?

No. Numerous top legal minds have confirmed that how the Parliament chooses to act on the advice of the Voice cannot be challenged in court. A parliamentary committee that examined the Voice proposal found it not only fit for purpose, but that it would *enhance* Australia's systems of governance and laws. [Scan the QR code for the full report.]



Don't we need much more detail?

The voice is a model. Exactly how it will be set up will be decided by the Parliament, but a detailed, 260-page report that has been written by Indigenous people will serve as a guide. This is called the Langton-Carma report.

Why not Treaty and Truth first?

The Voice is the **first step** in response to the Uluru Statement from the Heart, but it's not the only step. Treaty and truth-telling will follow.

Several states, including Tasmania, have started the treaty process, but this will take time. Once set up, the Voice can start its work immediately.

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Monash University - Voice to Parliament 10 Myths:
<https://tinyurl.com/mvb3wxxu>

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