



The Community Housing Industry Association NSW supports the establishment of a Voice to Parliament enshrined in the Constitution, as part of a broader commitment to implement the Uluru Statement from the Heart in full.

The Voice to Parliament is an important first step that empowers Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to provide independent and representative advice to the Federal Government on legislation that affects their lives and communities. Establishing a permanent Voice to Parliament provides a ground-breaking opportunity to build on the successful 1967 Referendum and ensures that we have the potential to create a pathway for the establishment of a Makarrata Commission that supports treaty and truth-telling.

We respectfully acknowledge there are differing viewpoints on the best ways to progress reconciliation between all Australians. As we prepare to implement our Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (2023-25), we affirm our enduring commitment to listening, learning, and strengthening our relationships with Aboriginal organisations, so we can collectively deliver long-term solutions that lead to better housing outcomes for individuals, families, and communities.

We accept the generous invitation to walk with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in a “movement of the Australian people for a better future.”

In doing so, we commit ourselves to our reconciliation vision for a nation where all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people live in safe, secure, and affordable housing and resilient communities, with equitable access to social, economic, and cultural opportunities. This includes the opportunity for empowerment, self-determination, and self-management under terms within their control.