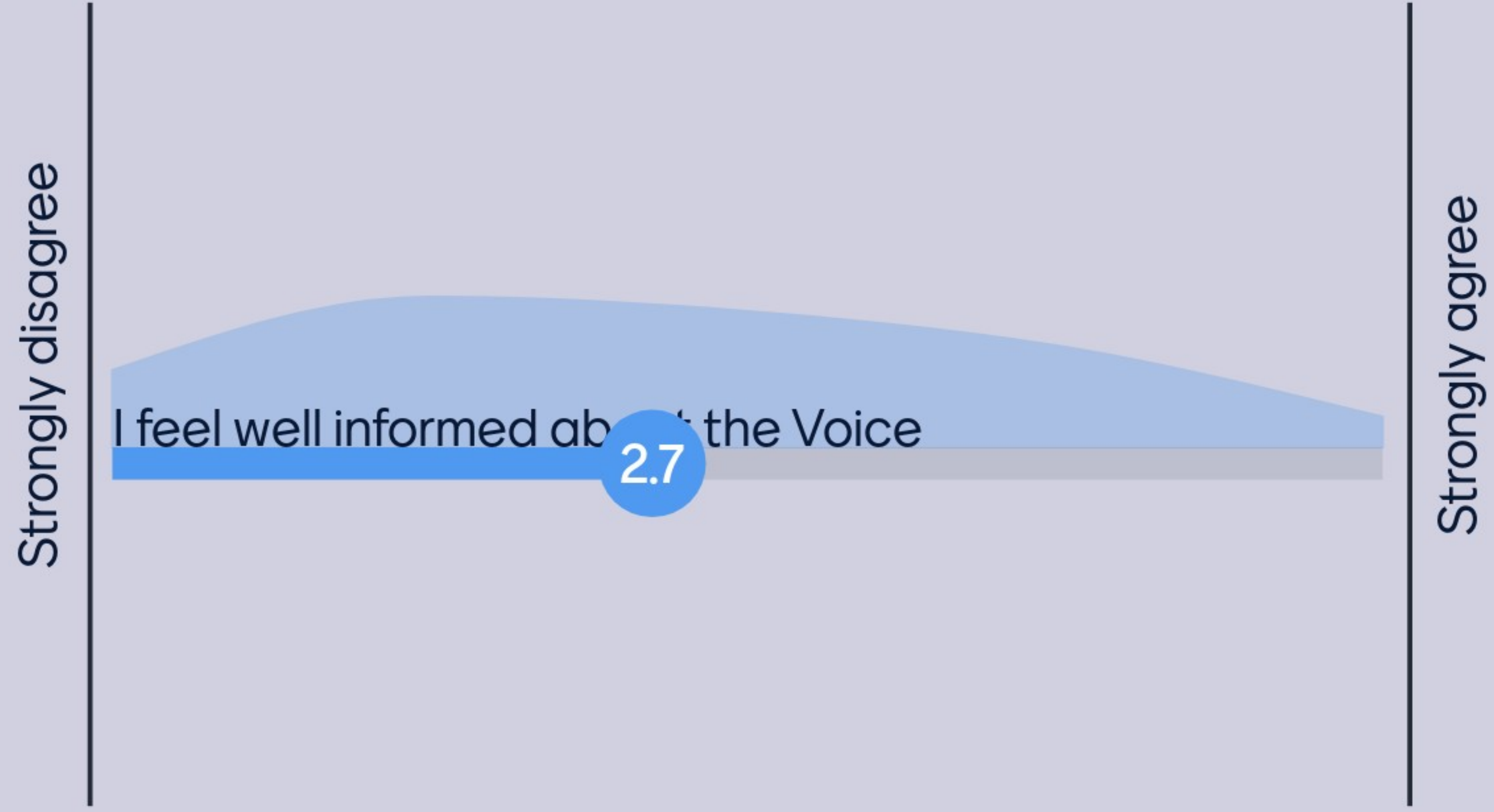
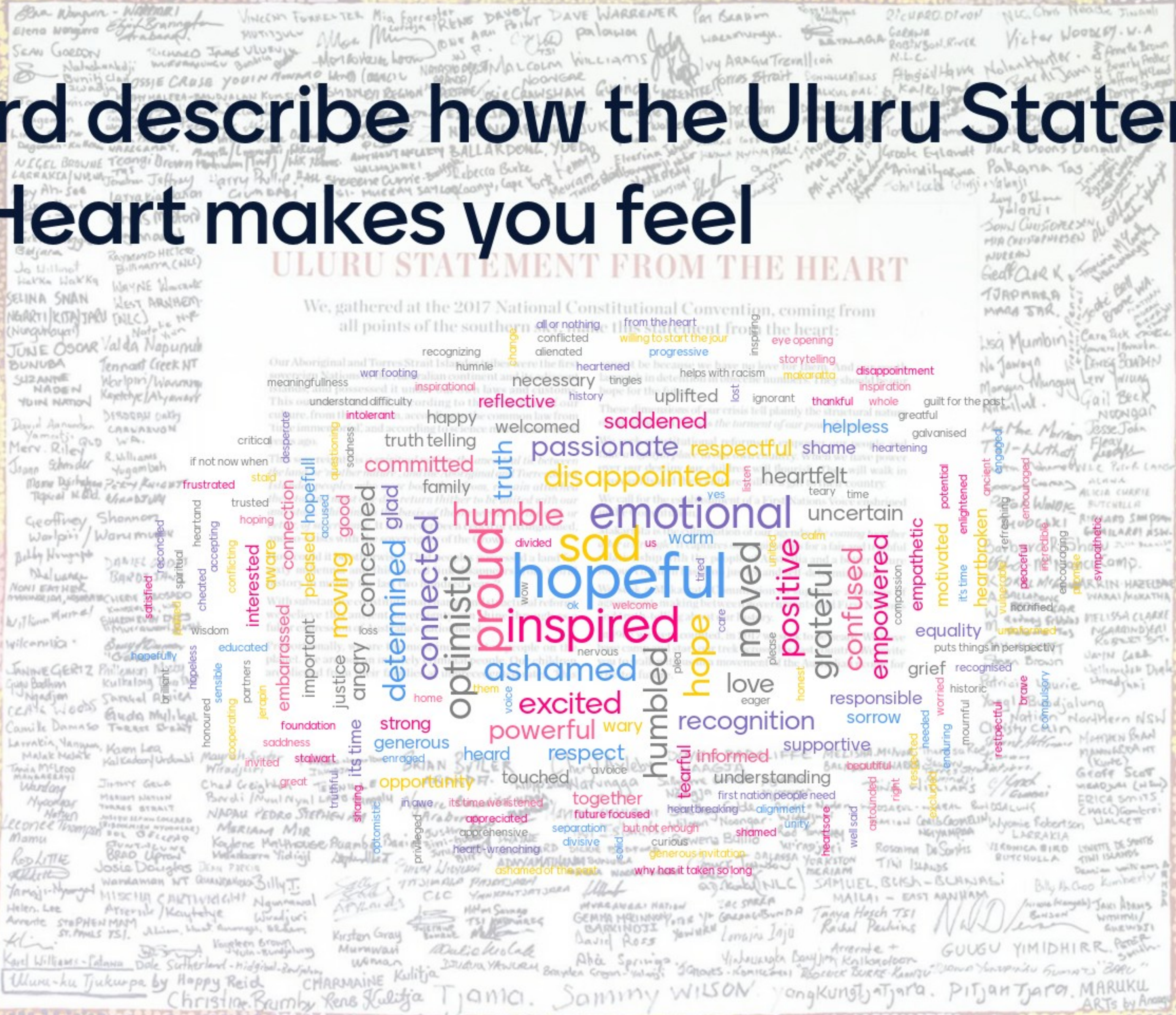


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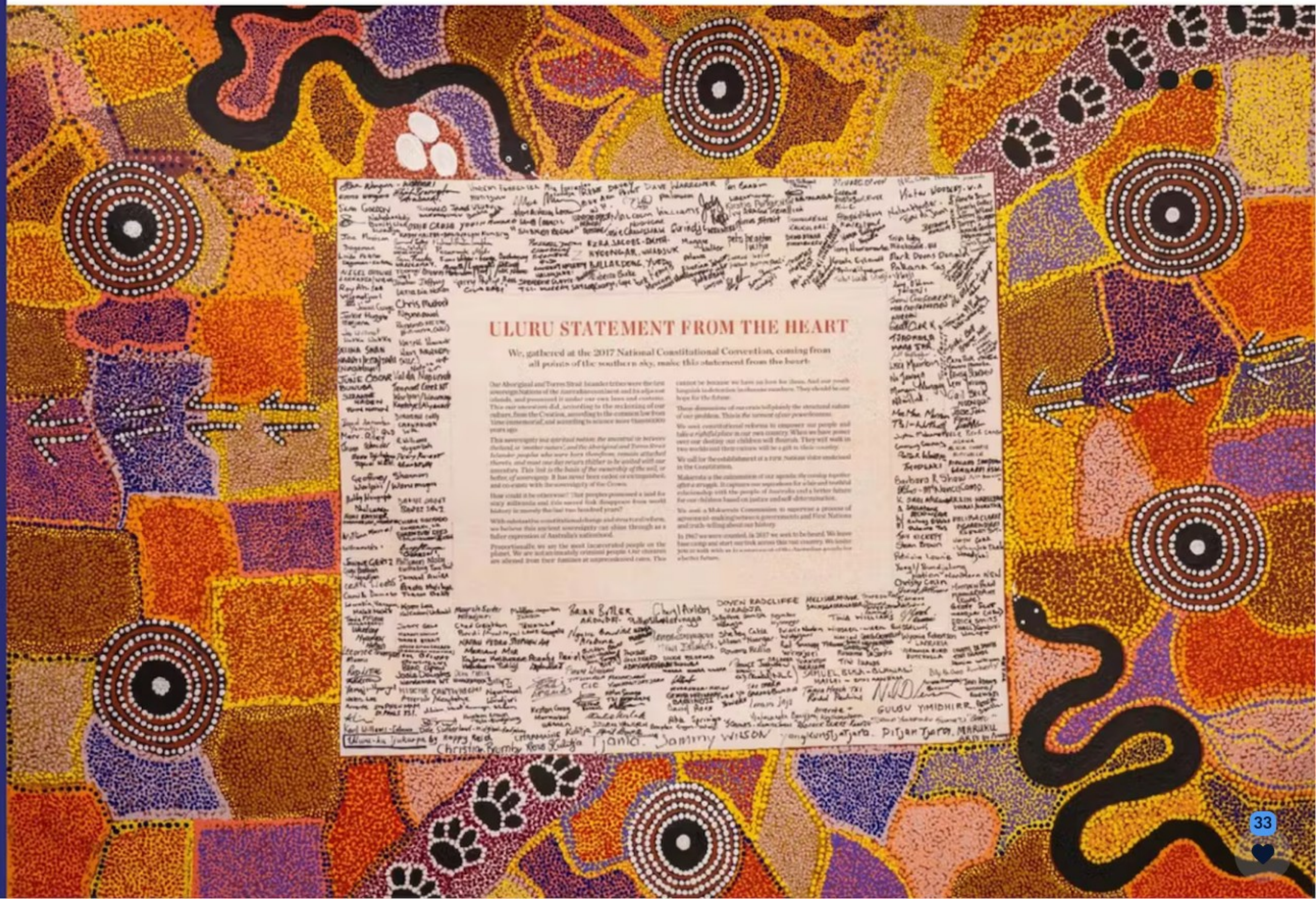
Understanding of Voice



In one word describe how the Uluru Statement from the Heart makes you feel



How did we get here?



ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART

We, gathered at the 2017 National Constitutional Convention, coming from all points of the southern sky, make this statement from the heart.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples were the first sovereign Nations of the Australian continent and its adjacent islands, and possessed it under our own laws and customs. This our ancestors did, according to the teaching of our elders, from the Creation, according to the common law from time immemorial, and according to custom more than 60,000 years ago.

This sovereignty was spiritual rather than material in nature. It was not a matter of territory, but of the spiritual and Torres Strait Islander peoples who were born themselves, remain attached thereto, and must not be separated either to be united with our ancestors. This link is the basis of the sovereignty of the land, or better of sovereignty. It has never been ceded or relinquished, and co-exists with the sovereignty of the Crown.

How could it be otherwise? Our people possessed a land for many millennia and this sacred link between them would history to merely the last two hundred years?

With substantial constitutional change and structural reform, we believe this ancient sovereignty can shine through as a fuller expression of Australia's culture.

Personally we are the most disadvantaged people on the planet. We are not an innately violent people. Our children are alienated from their families at unprecedented rates. The

cannot be because we have not been chosen, and our youth begin to disengage themselves from us. They should be kept for the future.

These dimensions of our reality plainly the structural nature of our problem. This is the nature of our predicament.

We seek constitutional reform to empower our people and give our children a fair and just country. When we have given two worlds and three oceans will be a gift to this country.

We call for the establishment of a new, Nations state embedded in the Constitution.

Make this the culmination of our people's coming together after a struggle. It requires our agreement for a fair and honest relationship with the people of Australia and a better future for our children based on justice and self-determination.

We seek a Makarrata Commission to oversee a process of agreement-making between governments and First Nations and work on building our history.

In 1967 we were promised, in 2017 we seek to be heard. We have been wrong and start our work across this vast country. We have been wrong and start our work across this vast country. We have been wrong and start our work across this vast country. We have been wrong and start our work across this vast country.

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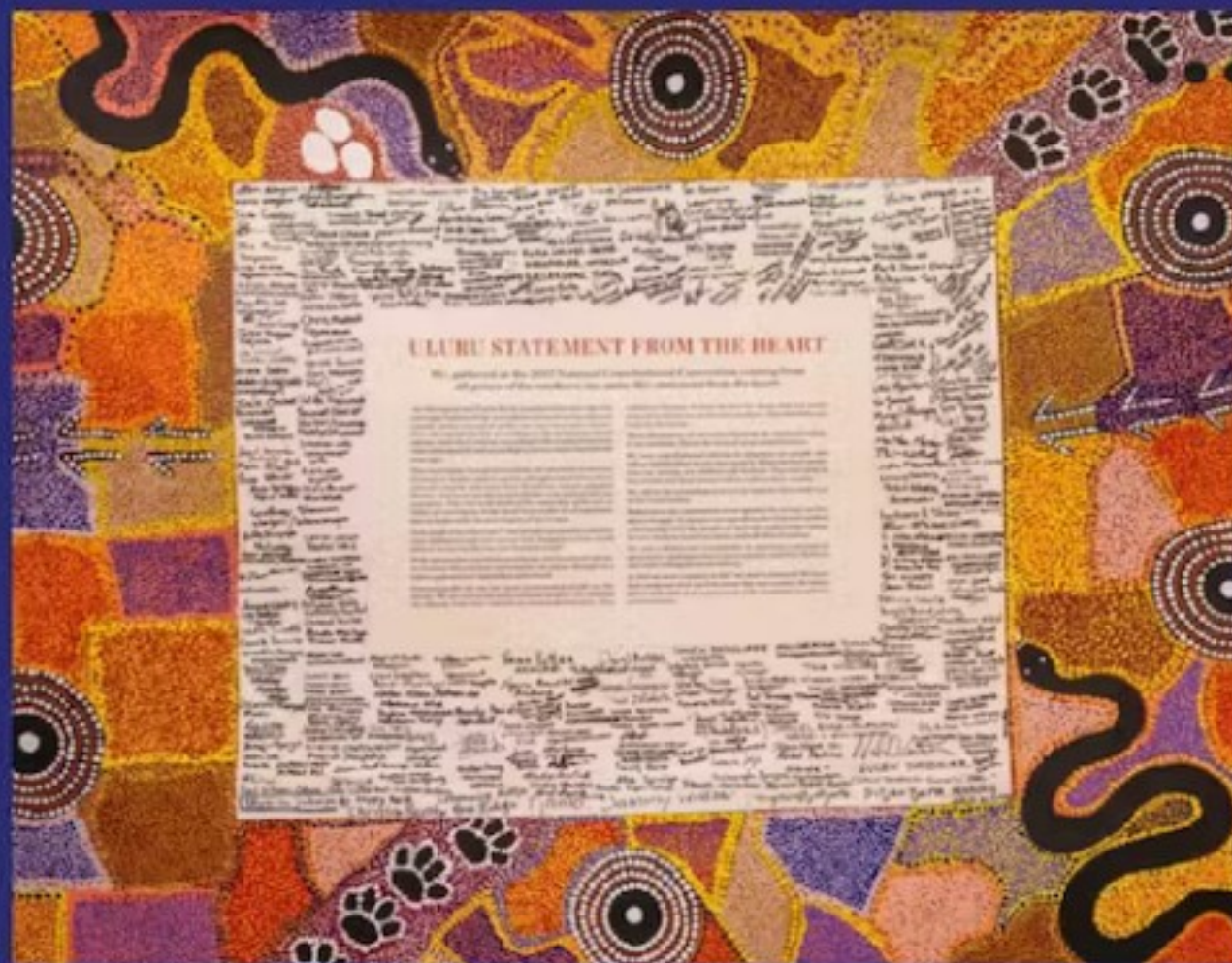
First Nations led -13 regional dialogues covering entire continent and adjacent islands



Makarrata = Voice → Treaty → Truth



Constitutional recognition through a Voice to Parliament



What is the Constitution?



Yes



The law of laws - defines powers of our government



Brokered between colonies in 1901 to create the Federation



No mention of dispossession



What is the difference?

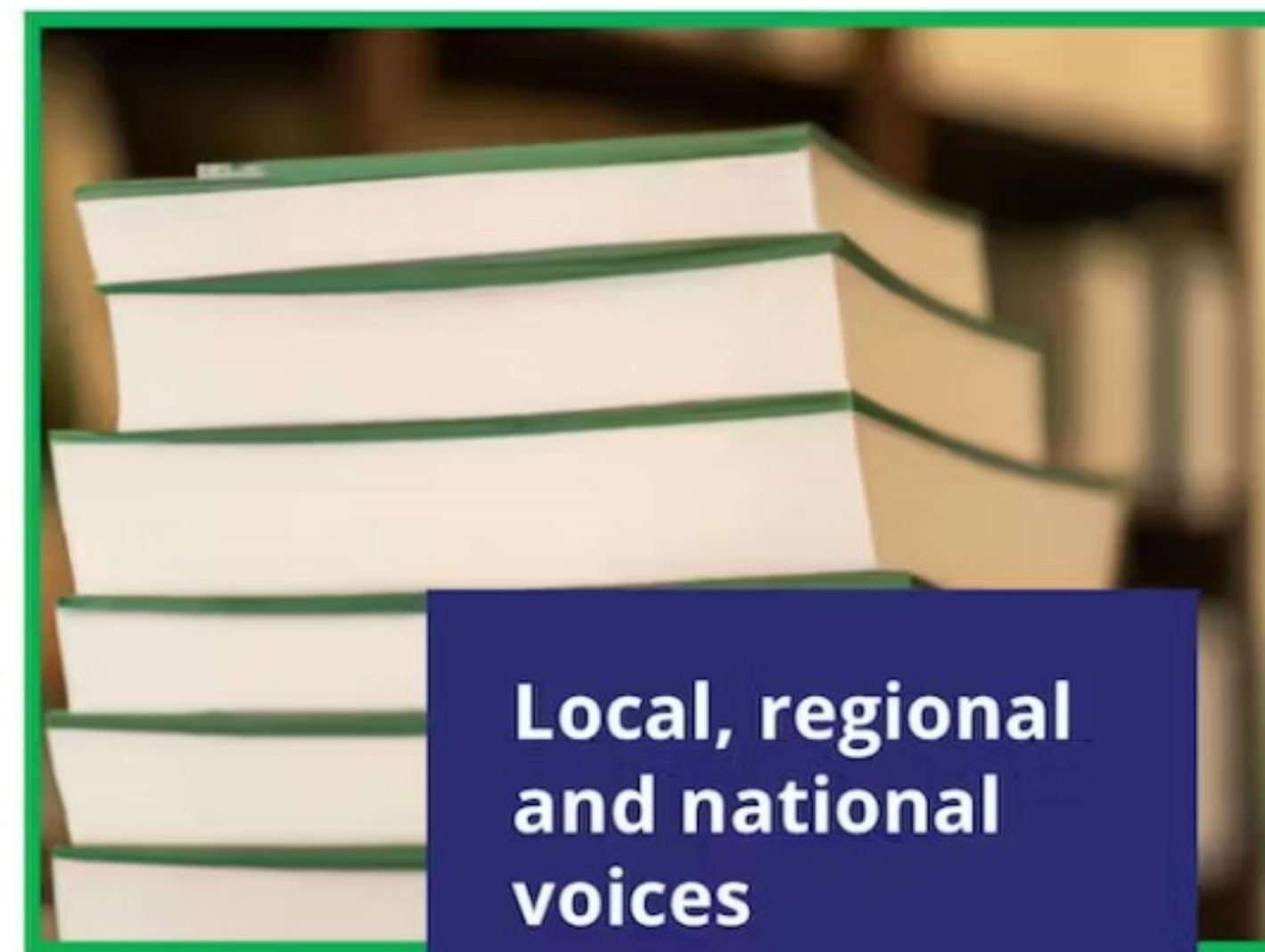
Constitution:

An obligation to **establish the Voice**



Legislation:

The model:
Structure and operational detail of the Voice



Local, regional
and national
voices

How do we change the Constitution?

Yes



Referendum requiring a double-majority of voters



Majority of voters must agree



Majority of states must agree

What are the changes we are being asked to support?



Constitutional recognition through a voice



Obligation on government to create a body called the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice

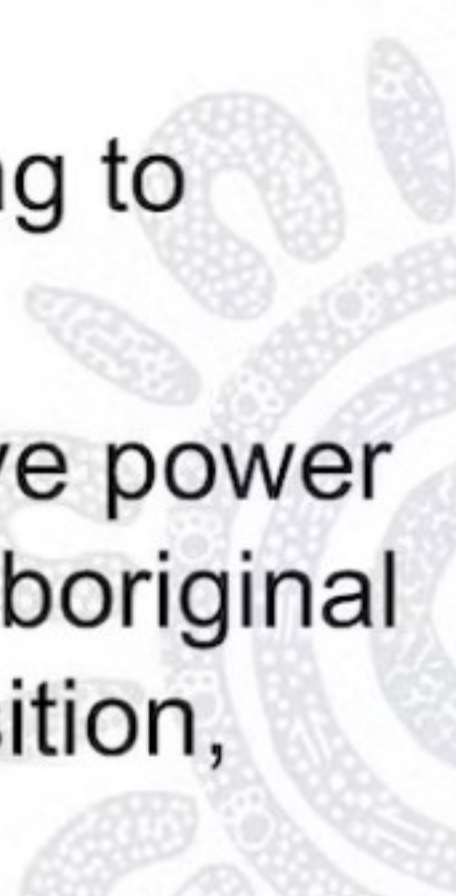


Make representations to Parliament and Executive Government related to First Nations



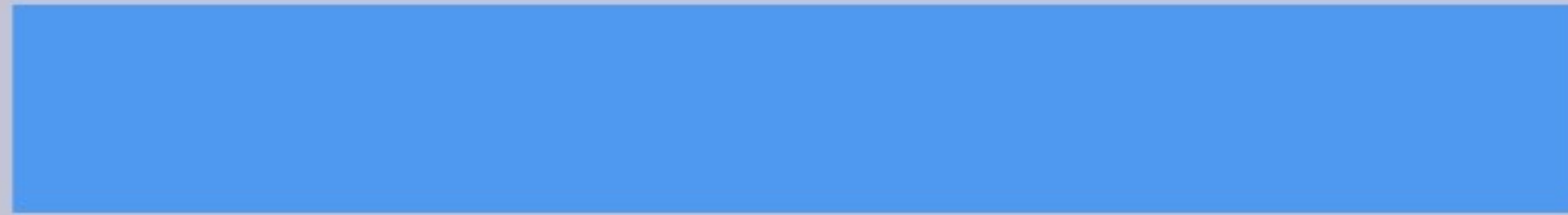
Yes

In recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Peoples of Australia:

1. There shall be a body, to be called the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice;
 2. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice may make representations to the Parliament and the Executive Government of the Commonwealth on matters relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples;
 3. The Parliament shall, subject to this Constitution, have power to make laws with respect to matters relating to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice, including its composition, functions, powers and procedures.
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What is your most important question?

1st



Will it make a practical difference?

2nd



Do all First Nations people support it?

3rd



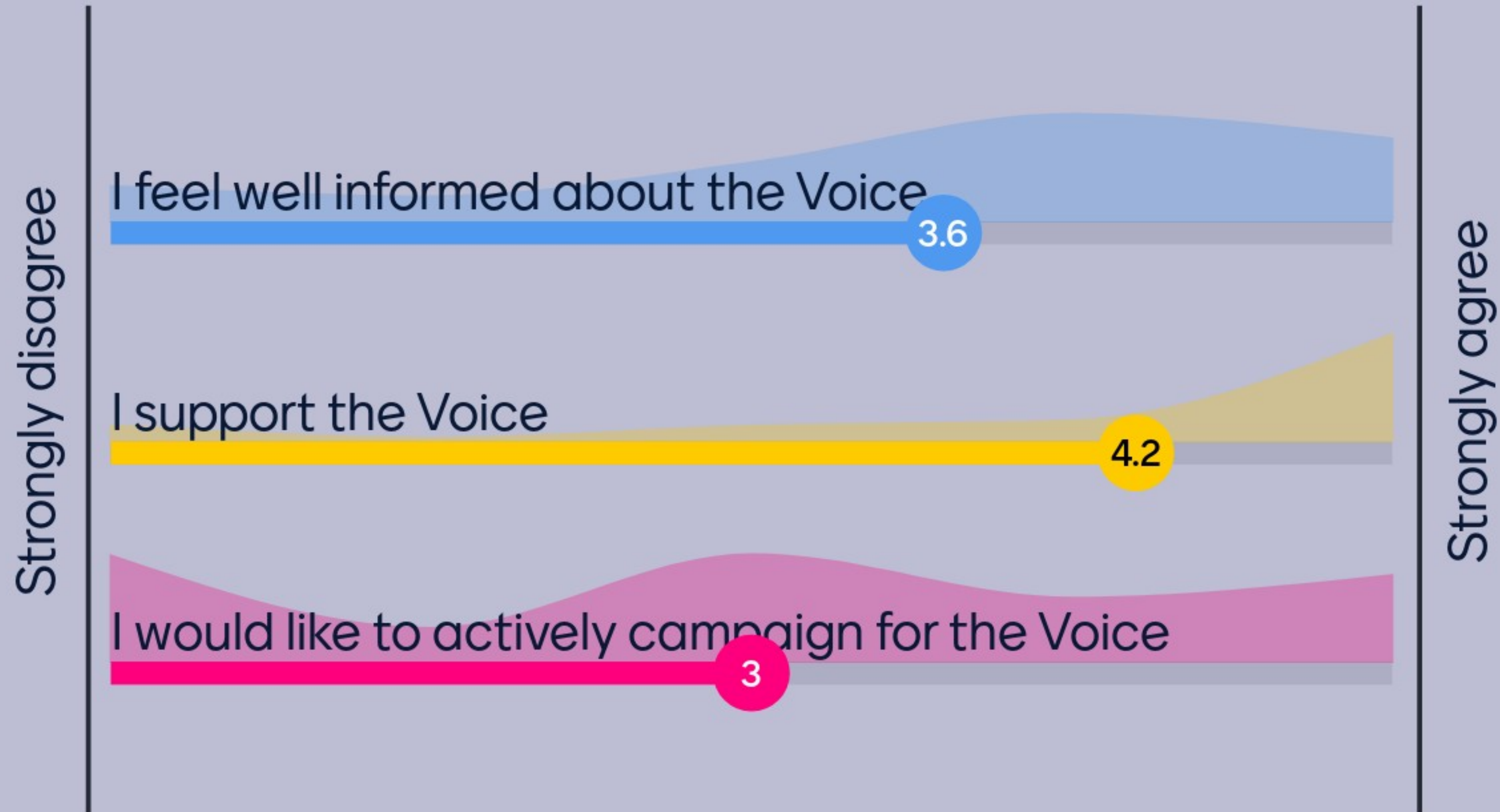
Will it unite or divide us as a nation?

4th



Will it create special rights for one group of Australians?

After this discussion ...



Anything else you would like us to know? 32 Answers

Awesome forum! Thank you so much

Resources to support the voice in my community

Thank you so much for this excellent presentation. I stand with you all and walk alongside all First Nations people.

I noticed that my voice was silenced, chat off

Can kitchen table chats go online on prime time tv more?

Thankyou for this. Informative, welcoming and well organised. Thanks

Thank you for holding this info session. Especially with the majority of presenters being a part of the community.

Details about how the interaction with the Executive will be implemented.

Thank you, I appreciate having the chance to be part of the conversation. I look forward to voting yes and growing change!

Anything else you would like us to know? 32 Answers

Very helpful and honest discussion. Liked the clarity on how representatives will be selected.

I am hopeful for the voice to be successful, should it not be accepted, where to from here.

Thank you, informative for a fence sitter!! Great FN presenters and facilitator.....well done....

I want to thank you for being strong leaders to your people. I will try my best to talk to those who are on the fence.
Respect, Ann Dragon

Are there any posters we can display at workplaces?

Thank you for organizing, hosting & sharing this online 👍

How is it determined if one is a member of first nations?

Thankyou. You are all so fabulous. I am a landscape architect in local government and an ally and a big YES.

Thanks. Always good to hear Thomas speak. I wish people would educate themselves rather than fear mongering.

Anything else you would like us to know? 32 Answers

That I will have taken an action to right a old wrong and to have helped FN peoples in some constructive way going forward.

How can i help with support of the voice

A yes vote would mean hope for a better future for Aboriginal people.

Where can i get the t shirt pls

Yes vote - confusion. Are Indigenous communities separate locales Will the Indigenous family in my steet live by a different code to everyone else?

Meaningful progress on assimilation. It wont be a panacea, but it is a constructive step.

Very well handled today, keep up the good fight with the poise and resilience you all show. Thank you for hosting this session, it was great!

I imagine you're all weary as it's been a long journey. I'd like to encourage you to sprint to the finish line so the NO campaign doesn't fill the airwaves with doubt.

A YES vote will be an opportunity for me to stand tall and proud to be on the road to reconciliation.

Anything else you would like us to know? 32 Answers

It will enable Australia to start to make amends and move forward together

This is something that needs to happen! As a non-indigenous person I want to see that recognition and look forward to a better country because of it! A definite YES vote from me!

I am standing with you and want a change to be made. It is not only for First Nations People, it is for ALL of us. It is difficult for "us others" to get to know First Nations People.

I'm very supportive of constitution recognition. And most people would. Regardless of the outcome there is a momentum of acknowledgement in the schools, and already in lots of other locations.

The referendum should have two separate questions. One the recognition in the constitution. And two, the need for the Voice.

THANK YOU FOR COMING.

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updates

