



The Voice to Parliament Referendum

What is the Voice to Parliament?

The Voice will be a committee of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who will give advice to the Parliament and Government on matters that affect their communities.

How will it work?

The community will determine who the Voice members will be, and Voice representatives will provide consultation and advice to Government about policies, laws and practices that directly impact Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The committee will include First Nations people from:

- Every state and territory
- The Torres Strait Islands
- Regional and remote communities.

Members will be chosen by Indigenous people in their local area and serve for a fixed period.

Where did the idea of The Voice come from?

The idea came directly from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and has been decades in the making.



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Why do we need a referendum?

Protecting the Voice in the constitution will mean that it can't be easily dismantled by bureaucrats or politicians.

Change takes time. We need a Voice that won't just be taken away if a new Government is elected.

Voting is compulsory

Referendum voting day will be **Saturday 14 October 2023**.

Early voting in NSW begins **Tuesday 3 October 2023**.

You need to **write either 'yes' or 'no'** in the box.

To be successful, there must be a Double Majority

For a referendum to be successful a 'double majority' must vote 'yes' to the proposed changes.

A double majority is:

1. a national majority of voters in the states and territories.
2. a majority of voters in at least 4 out of 6 states.

The constitution will only be changed if both are achieved.

For more information on a double majority scan the QR code below



<https://www.aec.gov.au/elections/referendums/files/double-majority-fact-sheet.pdf>



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