

Support for the Voice to Parliament

Our Collaborations in Health Research Excellence (OCHRe) is a national network of over 250 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health researchers and friends.

We comprise some of Australia's leading researchers working at the forefront of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research.

We come from diverse backgrounds, cultural knowledges and experience of being, knowing and living as First Nations Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

We have connections to our communities, culture and land, which we draw on in framing our research approach, methodologies and the translation of our work for meaningful impact.

We stand firm in support of constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders as the First Nations people of this country and the establishment of a Voice to Parliament in the Australian Constitution.

We believe that through this our First Nations families, communities and people will have a place in our country and be heard over those issues that affect us.

On Saturday, 14 October 2023, Australians will vote on a single question to change the Constitution. The question will be about adding words into the Constitution about an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.

We ask you to stand with us and vote Yes.

Professor Gail Garvey, Lead Investigator

"I'm a very strong Yes... This is a topic of high interest to the Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders will be watching closely to see the outcome. We are resilient and we know that with better advocacy, better input and better co-design, we get better outcomes."

Adjunct Professor Janine Mohamed, Lead Investigator

"In the future, I hope we are there at the table... I trust my people, and with my people at the table, we will have impactful and informed legislation and policies"

"How much work could we save if we have a seat at the table... Our women have been locked out of maternity services. We know that when our women have options and safe care, they have better birthing outcomes and better life outcomes down the track."

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