

VOICE TO PARLIAMENT

Loddon Campaspe Multicultural Services is deeply committed to improving the lives of migrants and refugees settling in Central Victoria.

We work within the lands of the Dja Dja Wurrung, Yorta Yorta, Barapa Barapa, Woi Wurrung, Wurundjeri, and Taugurung Peoples.

This year 2023, Australia will vote on a referendum to recognise the voice of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This will mean that an independent, representative body can advise on the issues, policies, and laws that affect our indigenous people.

We believe that we need to recognise and affirm the voice of the knowledge holders of these beautiful lands and cultures that have been preserved for over 65,000 years and that provide so many of us with safety, shelter, and food. We want to walk together *with* the traditional owners to promote meaningful and respectful communication between our diverse communities.

LCMS pledges its support to the Uluru Statement from the Heart and believes in its principles of sovereignty, justice, and self-determination through voice, treaty, and truth.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to call for change and to continue the journey that was started long before 1967 when Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples were first counted on the census.

We are committed to standing alongside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and saying YES to a VOICE for the traditional custodians of these lands.