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The Uluru Statement from the Heart is an invitation from First Nations peoples to stand alongside them to achieve legal and structural reform. The statement is a result of the collaboration of more than 250 First Nations peoples.

Multicultural Australia acknowledges the power and significance of this document as a statement drafted by First Nations peoples.

We walk together in solidarity of the shared pain of the past and the shared hope for the future.

Multicultural Australia recognises the power of the three themes of the Uluru Statement from the Heart: voice, treaty, and truth and recognises the importance of self-determination, sovereignty, and reform for Australia's First Nations peoples.

We acknowledge and celebrate the important and unique role of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as Australia's first people - their resilience, courage and determination, and their distinct and powerful connection to country.

We acknowledge the historical and current experiences of our First Nations peoples, the deep and enduring impacts of colonization, and the disadvantage that stems from intergenerational trauma. We understand our individual and collective responsibility towards the achievement of justice, equality, and reconciliation.

Multicultural Australia is committed to supporting the creation of a welcoming and inclusive culture where everyone feels valued and has a voice.

We acknowledge the profound impacts of racism, discrimination, segregation, marginalisation, and exclusion for First Nations peoples and communities and those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Multicultural Australia is committed to working towards equality and eliminating racial discrimination, superiority, and hatred, in accordance with international human rights principles.

We support full implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, as the most comprehensive international human rights instrument pertaining to the rights of our First Nations peoples and the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination, as the principal international human rights instrument defining and prohibiting racial discrimination.

It is for these reasons Multicultural Australia is responding to the invitation by signing the Uluru Statement from the Heart, standing in full solidarity with First Australians on the path toward change.

Note: In this Position Statement, the words 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples', 'First Nations peoples' and 'First Australians' have been used interchangeably, to respect the different language preferences that exist. We use these terms with the utmost respect.