



CPSU position on Constitutional Recognition and other linked matters

Background

CPSU surveyed members who have identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people and the overwhelming majority supported the Statement from the Heart made at the Uluru Convention in May 2017. Members also indicated that they would also like the CPSU to form a position on constitutional reform and other linked matters.

Throughout May and June meetings and phone hook-ups of interested Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander members were held to formulate the CPSU position. Our thanks go to MHR Linda Burney and Senator Malarndirri McCarthy for their participation in the conversation. Members indicated they wanted the CPSU to have a strong position, and there was broad support for the principles in the draft motion.

From these meetings a draft CPSU position was formed. Further and final feedback was then sought from all CPSU members who have identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. The feedback was overwhelming supportive of the CPSU position, with no changes suggested.

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The Community and Public Sector Union has, with the consideration of the union's members who have identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders, developed a position on constitutional recognition for Indigenous peoples and other linked matters.

The Community and Public Sector Union:

- Supports the Statement from the Heart made at Uluru in May 2017
- Supports a change to the constitution that recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples having a real voice to parliament
- Seeks real progress towards treaty/makarrata including truth telling of our history