

Health Sector for the Voice

As leaders in health throughout Victoria, we declare our support for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.

On a daily basis, we see the outcomes achieved when we involve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in making decisions about their health. In our regions, we know the benefits of involving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people when designing new health services. Across Victoria, we have long understood how health policy is improved when Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are around the table working with us. The Voice will connect the communities we serve with the national government making decisions.

Health professionals feel the impact that policies about children and families, about education and housing, about jobs and transport, have on the wellbeing of people. The Voice will be able to represent the distinct experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to inform policy in all of these areas, leading to significant improvements to health and wellbeing.

The Voice is an opportunity to recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the First Peoples of Australia. The Voice is an opportunity to respect the role that they have had in living on and caring for this country. The Voice is an opportunity to bring forth Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture to become a visible part of Australia.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people throughout Australia will feel the health and wellbeing benefits of being recognised, respected and valued.

The Voice is a chance to gain 60,000 years of wisdom that will enhance our understanding of health and wellbeing, and advance how we care for all people in Australia.

As leaders in health, we believe the Voice will make a difference and hope Australia votes Yes.



This statement is on behalf of:

Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation
Access Health and Community
Alcohol Change Victoria
Australian Centre for the Prevention of Cervical Cancer
Australian Health Promotion Association- Vic Tas Branch
Australian Nursing Midwifery Federation
Banyule Community Health Service
Better Health Network
Cancer Council Victoria
Centre for Excellence in Child and Family Welfare
cohealth
Diabetes Victoria
DPV Health
EACH
Eastern Melbourne PHN
First Peoples' Health and Wellbeing
Flourish Australia
Food for Health Alliance
Gateway Health
Gippsland Lakes Complete Health
Gippsland PHN
GLOBE (Global Centre for Preventive Health and Nutrition)
Health & Community Services Union
Heart Foundation - Victoria
Institute for Health Transformation
IPC Health
Latrobe Health Advocate
McCabe Centre for Law and Cancer
Mental Health Victoria
Murdoch Children's Research Institute
Murray PHN
National Ageing Research Institute
North West Melbourne PHN
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South East Melbourne PHN
Sunbury and Cobaw Community Health
Tandem
The Centre for Eye Research Australia (CERA)
Translational Research Institute
VAADA
VicAAMRI
Victorian Healthcare Association
Victorian Mental Illness Awareness Council (VMIAC)
Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research
Western District ACCO Collective
Western Victoria PHN
Women's Health East
Women's Health Goulburn North East
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VACCHO and the ANMF with support of other organisations in health surveyed 1595 health workers from private, hospital throughout Victoria. 80% of health workers believed that the Voice will lead to better health and wellbeing among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.