



ANGLICAN CHURCH DIOCESE OF SYDNEY

SYDNEY ANGLICAN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES MINISTRY COMMITTEE



A Statement regarding The Referendum: *An Indigenous Voice to Parliament.*

**Adopted unanimously at a meeting of the SAIPMC
on Saturday 24th June 2023**

The Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples Ministry Committee affirms that God's voice is sovereign over all peoples and lands and notes:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been denied a voice following European settlement in this land,***
- there are benefits and challenges for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through a recognised Voice to the Australian Parliament,***
- the passing of Motion 33/22 "First Nations Voice" by the Sydney Anglican Diocesan Synod and,***
- the "Statement on the Voice to Parliament" as affirmed by the General Synod Standing Committee of the Anglican Church of Australia.***

We encourage all church members to prayerfully seek God's voice as they search his wisdom in considering a "yes" vote for the approaching referendum.

**Rev Michael Duckett
(Chair)**