



ENDORSEMENT OF THE ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART

The Australian Association for Adolescent Health Ltd (AAAH) endorses the Uluru Statement from the Heart and supports First Nations peoples to have a constitutionally enshrined voice as a national priority.

AAAH is a national peak body which brings young people and professionals together to promote the health and wellbeing of adolescents and young adults throughout Australia, through local, national and international connections and collaborations.

The AAAH Constitution articulates the following principles and values which underpin our objectives: (i) youth participation; (ii) embracing diversity; (iii) a holistic and positive concept of health; and (iv) social justice. The AAAH support the Uluru Statement from the Heart by ensuring the Voice of First Nations peoples are valued and included in the organisation through youth participation and developing partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Organisations.

AAAH believes that investing in the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people is a national priority and cannot be neglected. AAAH recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people, who are our future leaders, are a particularly important group to engage in order to improve the health trajectories and social conditions experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia.

The Uluru Statement calls for The First Nations Voice to Parliament through constitutional reform and the establishment of a Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of agreement-making between governments and First Nations peoples and truth-telling.

AAAH believes that the health and wellbeing of all young people will be enriched when justice, equity, and truth are upheld. The voices of First Nations peoples in Australia, and internationally, are central to these goals. The AAAH recognises and supports the notion that the health and wellbeing of First Nations peoples is everybody's responsibility and the AAAH will continue to strive for justice and equity.

Endorsed by the Board of Directors, AAAH Ltd, 20 MARCH 2020