

29 September 2021

The Hon. Ken Wyatt
PO Box 6022
House of Representatives
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr Wyatt

RE: THE ULURU STATEMENT FROM THE HEART

We write to you in relation to the Uluru Statement from the Heart, seeking the action proposed in therein.

We were recently privileged to have Thomas Mayor, National Indigenous Officer Maritime Union of Australia and author of 'Finding the Heart of the Nation,' speak to our delegates on the importance of the Uluru Statement. Subsequently and with a unanimous resolution, the United Firefighters Union of South Australia has committed to support the Uluru Statement.

As a man of Yamatji, Wongi and Noongar ancestry, we believe you appreciate what the Uluru Statement means for First Nations people. The Uluru Statement is also matter of social justice and Mr Mayor has rightly explained to the UFUSA that this a matter for unions.

The UFUSA is proud to support First Nations people in your fight for genuine recognition of your history and your place within and alongside the Commonwealth of Australia.

We acknowledge that it is time for:

1. a referendum to enshrine constitutional representation in parliament for First Nations;
2. the establishment of a treaty process between the Federal, State and Territory governments, and First Nations in the hope of achieving genuine reconciliation;
3. the establishment of a regulatory Makaratta Commission that will include the function and jurisdiction:
 - 3.1. facilitating native title and land rights agreements between First Nations and other parties; and
 - 3.2. overseeing and facilitating the negotiation of treaties as referred to above.

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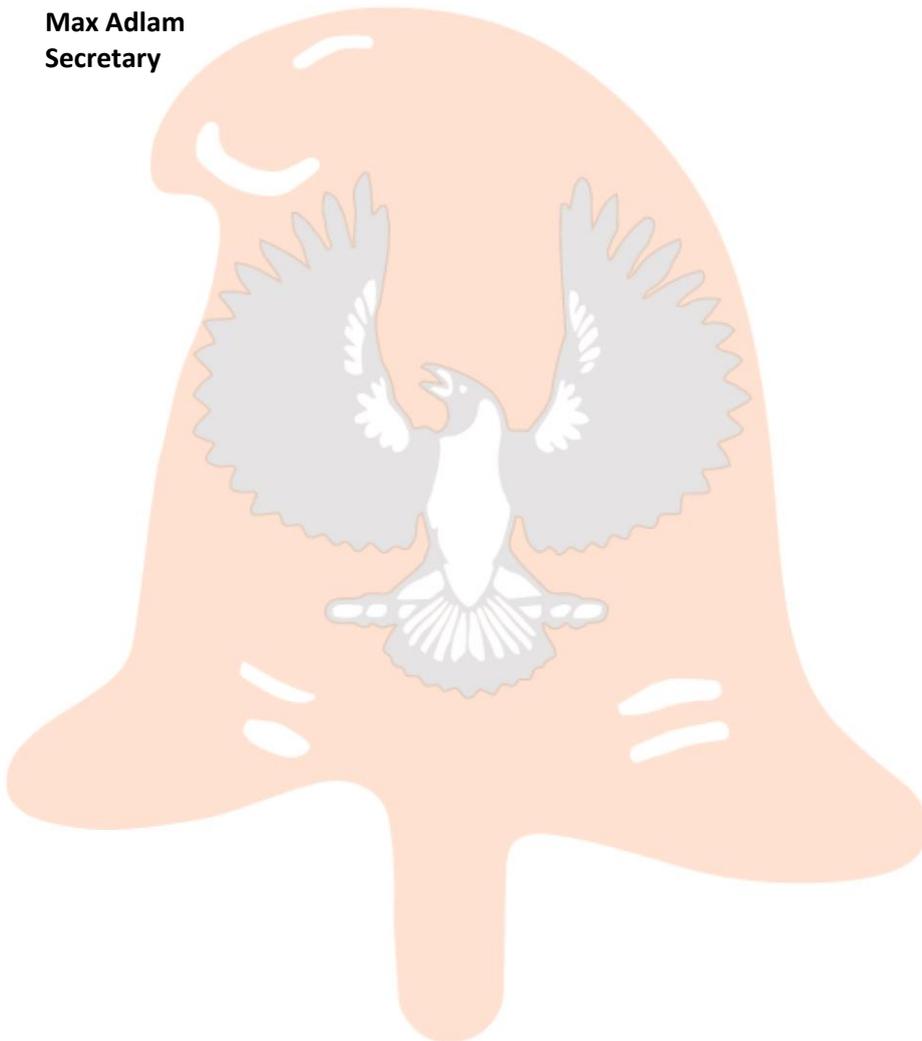
Accordingly, we call on you to affirm your support, as Minister for Indigenous Australians, for the Uluru Statement from the Heart. We call on you to affirm you will advocate for the action set out in the Statement.

We look forward to your support of this fundamental issue.

Yours Faithfully



Max Adlam
Secretary



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