



Southern Homelessness Services Network (SHSN) supports the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People's Voice to Parliament

The Southern Homelessness Services Network (SHSN) is proud to support the proposal for a Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament in the 2023 referendum.

The SHSN values inclusiveness, listening to people with lived experience and working collaboratively to end homelessness. A Voice to Parliament will provide a way for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to contribute to national policies resulting in better outcomes in housing and homelessness among other key social issues.

The SHSN acknowledges that the over-representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people amongst those experiencing homelessness is a direct and ongoing consequence of colonisation. The SHSN respects the ongoing resilience and strength of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and acknowledges their custodianship and connection to country for more than 60,000 years.

The Voice is a path to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander self-determination, treaty and truth-telling. We stand as allies in supporting this vision.

The SHSN members look forward to a future where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are respected, listened to and valued as the oldest living culture in the world - a future where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have safe, affordable, appropriate homes.

The SHSN asks that you join us in saying "Yes" to an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament.

The Southern Homelessness Services Network (SHSN) comprises all funded Specialist Homelessness Services in the Southern Region including services providing crisis, transitional, long term, family violence and youth support and accommodation. The SHSN covers the ten local government areas – Bayside, Cardinia, Casey, Frankston, Glen Eira, Greater Dandenong, Kingston, Mornington Peninsula, Port Phillip and Stonnington.

Our member agencies work on the land of the Bunurong/Boon Wurrung people of the Kulin Nation and we acknowledge that this land was never ceded.

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