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## ECCQ's reflection on the Voice Referendum Outcome

While Constitutional change was the desired outcome for this past weekend, the referendum results brought disappointment to all of us who've championed the Uluru Statement from the Heart and the Voice to Parliament campaign. This wasn't the outcome we had hoped for.

In this moment of reflection, we are inspired by the grace, kindness, and resilience of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, who have tirelessly worked and waited for change. We recognise the strength and leadership of First Nations leaders and are grateful for their invitation to stand by their side.

We thank the Queensland multicultural communities and leaders who embraced the Voice to Parliament campaign. During this time, we have seen the multicultural community stand up in solidarity with our First Nations communities and Elders to amplify their voices.

Despite our disappointment, the work towards positive change is more important now than ever. We will continue to fight for justice and the rights of First Nations people, guided by their wishes.

Together, we've laid the foundation for a stronger future. Our commitment to a fair, just, and inclusive Australia stands.



Sincerely,

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