

**MEDIA STATEMENT**  
**14/10/23**

**A message about the Referendum result**

The Australian Health Promotion Association (AHPA®) stands in solidarity with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and continue to provide our support for constitutional recognition of First Nations people in Australia.

The outcome of the referendum is a sad and disappointing result for recognition and equity and in realising the aspirations of the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

We acknowledge the ongoing advocacy efforts of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in their calls for justice and self-determination and we recognise the toll this takes on individuals and communities. This is a difficult and distressing time for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and allies, many of whom are members, colleagues, and the communities we work with and are part of.

We encourage space and time for reflection and healing and will actively seek opportunities to support this. As the next steps are taken, we will listen, learn, and walk alongside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members, colleagues, and communities.

AHPA remains committed to supporting practice, policy and research that centres the voice of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people at its heart.

We will continue to strive for a healthier, equitable Australia.

Please reach out to the below services if you need support:  
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