

## By Bruce Hartnett

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My reasons for supporting Constitutional Change to provide for an Indigenous Voice to Parliament are simple.

1. The overwhelming majority of Indigenous people have asked for it – and have waited patiently for 5 years since the request was first made.
2. It is a Voice to Parliament, not a Voice over Parliament. It will provide advice on issues affecting Indigenous people. It will not exercise a veto.
3. The Voice will not be administering programs, so will not involve a large bureaucracy.
4. The Voice will be representative of Indigenous people throughout Australia. It will reflect Australia's Indigenous community – balanced by age, gender and region.
5. The fine detail in relation to these issues will be determined by the Australian Parliament and can be changed over time by the Australian Parliament.