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A yes vote to the referendum on the Voice will be a fundamental step towards the maturation of our nation. The truth of the settlement of Australia has been suppressed until recently. The 1788 invasion of land occupied for over 60,000 years by people, the widespread massacres of those very same people and the subsequent oppression and disadvantaging of the survivors are not the hallmarks of a mature nation.

The Voice to Parliament is a recommendation in the Uluru Statement from the Heart, a generous and poetic document arising from widespread consultation. The Voice to Parliament is long overdue and will acknowledge the rights of First Nations to be consulted on matters affecting them.

It would be a tragedy for our national psyche if a no vote prevailed.