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Statement by Seymour Centre on the Voice to Parliament Referendum

The Seymour sits on the unceded lands of the Gadigal People of the Eora nation, and we acknowledge the tradition of custodianship and law of the Country on which we stand.

We honour and celebrate that on this land traditional owners have, for thousands of years, shared and exchanged knowledges through stories, through song and dance for the benefit of all. There is no place in Australia – water, land or air – that has not been known, nurtured and loved by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Seymour Centre accepts the invitation of the *Uluru Statement from the Heart* and supports a First Nations Voice to Parliament enshrined in the Australian Constitution.

We express this support by enthusiastically endorsing the YES case in the referendum.

We recognise that a First Nations Voice to Parliament represents one facet of the *Uluru Statement from the Heart*, which, in concert with treaty and truth-telling, lays out a pathway towards justice and reconciliation.

We acknowledge this has been a difficult time for many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and we advocate for informed, heartfelt and deeply respectful discussion at this significant time in our nations' history.

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