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## **Sexual Health Victoria supports a YES Vote for Voice to Parliament**

Sexual Health Victoria (SHV) proudly supports a YES vote for an Indigenous Voice to Parliament in the upcoming referendum. SHV believes a voice to parliament is an important step toward reconciliation and realising the vision of the Uluru Statement from the Heart: Voice, Treaty, Truth.

Through SHV's work we know that Indigenous Australians are at greater risk of STIs and BBVs, unplanned pregnancies and certain cancers because of sexual and reproductive health inequities. These inequalities have been identified as part of the [Victorian Aboriginal Sexual and Reproductive Health Plan 2022-30](#).

In supporting the YES vote we respect that there are diverse views within First Nations communities on the referendum and acknowledge that the debate about self-determination may be difficult for some in the community. SHV's support reflects our commitment to inclusion and equity in the delivery of all our services and we believe that an Indigenous voice to parliament will create opportunities for better health outcomes to bridge the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

SHV has a longstanding history of inclusivity and has consistently advocated for priority populations. We firmly believe that a YES vote in the federal referendum will contribute to becoming a more inclusive and equitable society.

**Let us work together to empower Indigenous communities, overcome disparities, and forge a brighter future for all Australians.**