

17 February 2023

The Hon. Anthony Albanese MP

Prime Minister
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister,

RE: Voice to Parliament

I write on behalf of the Board of Directors of Communications Alliance Ltd, in relation to the proposed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island **Voice to Parliament**.

During the most recent Communications Alliance Board Meeting, Directors considered the proposal for a referendum in 2023 to allow Australians to decide whether to amend the Australian Constitution to establish a Voice.

The Communications Alliance Board resolved unanimously that: ***"A Voice to Parliament is a reasonable and practical step for Australia to take, and is only achievable via a referendum."***

The Board also decided to communicate this view to you, as Prime Minister, to other Federal Government Ministers and stakeholders and to other parliamentary parties.

I hope this information and viewpoint is useful. We will pay attention to developments throughout the course of 2023, as this important process plays out and will stay in touch with our portfolio Minister, The Hon. Michelle Rowland MP and other Ministers, as may be appropriate, on associated issues.

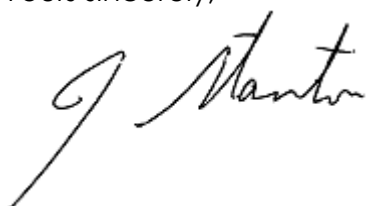
Many of our members are also looking at ways in which they can communicate and disseminate relevant material to their staff members. Some also have internal processes which they can use to consult with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff – others are looking at how to achieve this.

About Communications Alliance: Communications Alliance is the primary communications industry body in Australia. Its membership is drawn from a wide cross-section of the communications industry, including carriers, carriage and internet service providers, content providers, digital platform providers, equipment vendors, IT companies, consultants and business groups.

Its vision is to be the most influential association in Australian communications, co-operatively initiating programs that promote sustainable industry development, innovation and growth, while generating positive outcomes for customers and society.

The prime mission of Communications Alliance is to create a co-operative stakeholder environment that allows the industry to take the lead on initiatives which grow the Australian communications industry, enhance the connectivity of all Australians and foster the highest standards of business behaviour.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Stanton', with a stylized, flowing script.

John Stanton
Chief Executive Officer

cc. The Hon. Michelle Rowland MP, Minister for Communications
The Hon. Mark Dreyfus, KC, MP, Attorney-General
The Hon. Linda Burney MP, Minister for Indigenous Australians
Professor Marcia Langton
Nick Eakin – From the Heart
Pat Anderson AO
Professor Megan Davies
The Hon. Michael Lee, Chair, Communications Alliance Ltd.