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**Submission to Joint Select Committee
On the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Voice Referendum to support
the Referendum amendments**

We at Brunswick Uniting Church strongly support the referendum amendments, noting:

1. We have over 65,000 years of continuous Indigenous culture, and it's time our now 122 years old constitution was updated to recognise the people that were here first;
2. We should make this change because legal experts including former High Court judges have confirmed that a Voice to Parliament is a legally safe way to constitutionally recognise Indigenous Australians;
3. We should make this change because about 80% of Indigenous Australians support constitutional recognition in the form of a Voice to parliament, and
4. Constitutional recognition through a Voice is a simple proposal whose time has come.

Yours faithfully
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