

# The Voice, Treaty and Truth process explained



The Voice to Parliament arises from the Uluru Statement From the Heart.

In Queensland, most recently, Torres Strait Islanders have also developed their own Masig Statement.

## What is happening at the State and Federal level

There is a lot of confusion at what is happening at the State and Federal levels. The below diagram depicts a simplified overview on what has, and is occurring in Queensland, the Torres Strait and at a Federal level in the Voice, Treaty and Truth Telling space.

In Queensland, consultation with communities put truth telling front and centre of any treaty making process. Queenslanders felt that in order to prepare for treaty, we needed to acknowledge the history and impacts of colonisation on First Nations peoples. And that is why Queensland—unlike other States and jurisdictions—we are approaching ‘truth telling’ first.

At the national level this year, Queenslanders, along with the rest of Australia will be asked—in a Referendum, if they support an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament

Treaty is not a new concept. First Nations peoples have been calling for treaty, and advocating for change for decades.

Queensland’s Truth and Treaty process will progress concurrently with the Voice to Parliament.

While the Queensland Truth and Treaty processes are separate from and not directly altered by the proposed Commonwealth Voice developments, the positioning and relationship of the Queensland initiatives, must be adaptive to Voice debates and developments.

