

Open Letter: Acknowledging the Voice to Parliament Referendum Result 10 November 2023

As an organisation, Council of Academic Public Health Institutions Australasia (CAPHIA) supports the Uluru Statement from the Heart in full. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health is public health, and central to our mission.

We are very mindful that both the process and the outcome of the Referendum has had a devastating impact on many First Nations people, and many others in the community. This impact will continue to be felt. We encourage academic public health institutions to support staff and students who are feeling distressed, traumatised or alone. We also emphasise our commitment to working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people for better public health for all.

A list of helpful support services can be found here: <https://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au/emergency-help/support-services-for-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-peoples/>

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