



## **NOTIFICATION OF PARTICULARS OF WRIT FOR REFERENDUM**

I have received a writ issued by His Excellency the Governor-General commanding me to cause a proposed law for the alteration of the Constitution entitled –

Constitution Alteration (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice) 2023

to be submitted, according to law, in each State and in the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory, to the electors who are qualified to vote at referendums, and appointing the following dates:

For the close of the Rolls:	18 September 2023
For taking the votes of the electors:	14 October 2023
For the return of the writ:	on or before 20 December 2023

The proposed law is set out below.

**Tom Rogers**  
Electoral Commissioner  
11 September 2023

# **A PROPOSED LAW**

## **to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice**

The Parliament of Australia, with the approval of the electors, as required by the Constitution, enacts:

### **1 Short title**

This Act is the *Constitution Alteration (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice) 2023*.

### **2 Commencement**

This Act commences on the day this Act receives the Royal Assent.

### **3 Schedule 1**

The Constitution is altered as set out in Schedule 1.

## **Schedule 1 — Alteration of the Constitution**

### **1 Table of contents**

After:

Chapter VIII      Alteration of the Constitution

insert:

Chapter IX      Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

### **2 After Chapter VIII**

Insert:

## **Chapter IX — Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples**

### **129 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice**

In recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Peoples of Australia:

- (i) there shall be a body, to be called the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice;
- (ii) the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice may make representations to the Parliament and the Executive Government of the Commonwealth on matters relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples;
- (iii) the Parliament shall, subject to this Constitution, have power to make laws with respect to matters relating to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice, including its composition, functions, powers and procedures.