

## ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

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The Astronomical Society of Australia supports a Yes vote in the referendum to establish an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice enshrined in the Constitution.

The astronomy community works closely with indigenous communities on aspects relating to Australian astronomy infrastructure, and there is a deep appreciation of Australia's first astronomers by the Society's membership.

A poll of the Society's membership showed that a large majority of respondents are in favour of the Society expressing a position in support of a Yes vote in the referendum.

The Astronomical Society of Australia is committed to mutual respect among our members. Whatever your thoughts on the issue, we encourage you to read and reflect on available information and to discuss the upcoming referendum and its outcomes for our nation over the coming weeks openly, thoughtfully, and respectfully.