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### Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

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## Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition: Statement from the co-chairs

The Parliamentary [Joint Select Committee on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples](#) has just concluded hearings at the Barunga Festival and in the Kimberley.

The Committee conducted hearings at Barunga, Halls Creek, Fitzroy Crossing, Kununurra and Broome. The Committee heard from organisations and individuals about how constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples might be implemented.

The Committee will be conducting hearings in Canberra on 18 and 25 June 2018.

It will be conducting further hearings in:

- Dubbo - 2 July 2018;
- Sydney/ Western Sydney - 3/4 July 2018;
- Adelaide - 5 July 2018; and
- Perth - 6 July 2018.

In particular the Committee is interested in hearing from witnesses about the design of the Voice proposal including proposals for constitutional change which emerged from the Uluru Statement from the Heart. This includes:

- Should the Voice be national, regional or local?
- How should its members be chosen?
- What functions should it have?

To make a submission on these issues please contact the secretariat on [jscqr@aph.gov.au](mailto:jscqr@aph.gov.au).

The Committee is due to present its interim report to Parliament on 30 July and the final report on 29 November 2018.

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