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Joint Standing Committee on Aboriginal
and Torres Strait Islander Affairs.
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Canberra ACT 2600.

Inquiry into Truth and Justice Commission Bill 2024

Dear Committee Secretariat,

My name is Anne Byrne and I live on Wangal land. I am not Aboriginal but I have worked in a number of First Nations' support groups over many years.

I think it is essential that a National Truth and Justice Commission be established by the Federal Government. This is needed to support and work alongside the development of frameworks for Treaties at the State level.

The Albanese Government committed to fully implementing the Uluru Statement from the Heart. An essential part of this is truth telling. For decades First Nations' Peoples in Australia have called for truth telling processes to lay a foundation of truth about our shared history, and as a vehicle toward justice and greater self-determination for their communities.

I wholeheartedly support the Truth and Justice Commission Bill and urge that it be implemented as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,



Anne Byrne

