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Our ref: Standing Committee 11 February 2023

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Dear Colleen,

In light of the national discussion regarding the proposed Voice to Parliament, that walking together as First and Second Peoples is central to the UCA's expression of being the church in Australia, and that this is a matter of national importance that relates to the expression of faith and mission, at its meeting on 11 February 2023, the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania Standing Committee resolved (SC 23.4.1B):

To request the Assembly Standing Committee, informed by consultation with the UAICC, and any other parties as appropriate, to provide guidance to the Church on a matter of national significance regarding responding to the proposed constitutional change to recognise an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament.

The VicTas Standing Committee trusts that time will be available at the March ASC for consideration of this matter, and if the ASC considers it appropriate, that arrangements may be put in place for the Assembly to provide advice to the Church regarding responding to the proposed Constitutional change.

Rev David Fotheringham (cc'd) will be attending the March ASC meeting and he will be able to present this matter, should you wish him to.

Colleen, I look forward to hearing from you regarding this, and am very happy to discuss this further with you any time.

Grace and peace,

Rev Dr Mark Lawrence
General Secretary

cc Rev Sharon Hollis, President, National Assembly
Rev David Fotheringham, Moderator, VicTas Synod



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