



Statement from United Workers Union July 2020

United Workers Union stands in solidarity with the global Black Lives Matter movement and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander led movements within Australia.

These movements remind us of the importance of First Nations involvement and leadership within our union.

They also reinforce for all of us that we need to continually fight to oppose racism, exploitation and injustice wherever they occur. United Workers Union commits to working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members and their communities in addressing these issues.

We must all stand up for what is right and just. We can't be silent in the face of underlying racism. We must act with First Nations people and people of colour to resist the impact of violence, discrimination and racism and demand change so that all people can live in dignity and peace.

First Nations leaders within United Workers Union have committed to stand in solidarity with all those who face ongoing injustice, exploitation and adversity and have pledged to continue our fight for a better future.

United Workers Union further commits to stand with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples to support the Statement from the Heart, and its powerful message for constitutional reform to enshrine a First Nations voice in the Constitution. We support calls for a Makarrata Commission to ensure a process of agreement-making between Government and Indigenous Australians and provide a truth telling about Australia's history.

United Workers Union has also now resolved to establish a Reconciliation Action Plan. This will ensure that we commit to practical actions that will contribute to reconciliation both internally and within the workplaces and communities of our members.

This statement has been developed in consultation with the UWU First Nations Roundtable and has been endorsed by the National Executive.

