



2023 Mabo Oration by Professor Megan Davis 2 June 2023



Queensland
**Human Rights
Commission**



This is what the Uluru
Statement stands for.

Meet with us. It's a beginning.
It's about mutual recognition
and it's about renewal.
It's a hand of friendship to
the Australian people to
come and meet with us.
In issuing the statement to
all Australians, we hope to
bypass the ritual cynicism of
Australian politics and to ask
all Australians of religions and
different cultures and politics
to read the Uluru Statement
and hear in our own words
the logic for the change.

We seek constitutional
reforms to empower our
people and take a rightful
place in our own country.

We call for the establishment
of a First Nations Voice
enshrined in the Constitution.

We hoped Australians would
listen, and they were listening.
They are still listening.



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