

Capital Airport Group provides campaign office for Yes23 volunteers

September 5, 2023: The Capital Airport Group (CAG) has joined with The Snow Foundation to publicly support Constitutional Recognition and the Voice to Parliament. This includes the provision of office space for the local Yes23 campaign team to be used to coordinate the 1000+ Canberra-based volunteers working on the campaign, and other local campaign activity.

“The idea for the Voice comes from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders people, and more than 80% of Indigenous people support it. The Voice will provide our nation with a mechanism to listen to Indigenous people on matters that affect them. If we want to ‘close the gap’ in critical areas like life expectancy, health, education, housing and employment, we must ensure we listen to a diverse group of Indigenous Australians about the challenges that impact them,” CAG CEO Stephen Byron said.

CAG has provided an office space in Fairbairn for the duration of the campaign, to house staff and volunteers and coordinate the local campaign as it interacts with the people of Canberra and the region.

“Having a dedicated office will enable the team to strategise, coordinate and train volunteers, and call Australians across the country, ensuring that no one is left uninformed,” Rob Baillieu, the convenor of the Yes 2023 Canberra campaign said today.

To win on October 14th, a huge team of volunteers in the ACT is required to ensure every front door in the region is knocked on and has a chance to hear about the benefits of the Voice to parliament.

“Volunteers hold the key to turning the tide by taking on the vital role of educators. With research showing that anywhere between 30 and 40% of Australians are yet to make up their mind about which way to vote, one on one conversations are going to be critical. We know that small, respectful, well-informed discussions are particularly effective in successfully engaging people who are undecided,” Mr Baillieu said.

The Snow Foundation has long supported the need for First Nations voices to be heard and the campaign toward constitutional recognition. For over 12 years, they have worked with First Nations leaders and communities to help bring an end to preventable diseases such as rheumatic heart disease and crusted scabies that mostly only affect Indigenous people.

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“I’m proud of the work and partnerships we have forged with Indigenous communities and delighted that the Capital Airport Group shares our commitment to listen, recognise and respect the First peoples of Australia and enable a better future,” The Snow Foundation CEO Georgina Byron said.

“We have seen first-hand that better outcomes are achieved when First Nations people have a voice at the table in the challenges that affect them. The Voice will have a fundamental and positive impact on Indigenous communities. We know, for example, that rheumatic heart disease is a disease that could be a priority for the Voice. With two Indigenous children dying each week from this preventable disease, we must do more”.

“We hope all Australians will recognise that meaningful results will be delivered through the Voice, while strengthening our democracy. Let's welcome and grasp this huge opportunity to make Australia a more equitable and inclusive society,” Ms Byron added.

“There are now less than 40 days to go - this campaign has the potential to rewrite not just the constitution but the very social fabric of our nation. This is our moment, and we need thousands of volunteers to ensure everyone votes YES on referendum day,” Mr Baillieu said.

Interested volunteers can go to the Yes23 website under ‘Take Action’ and sign up to get involved and help make history today.

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