



Kyeema Foundation: Uluru Statement from the Heart

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Kyeema Foundation and the Uluru Statement from the Heart

The Kyeema Foundation recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the traditional custodians of this region and we pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging. Kyeema honours the Jagera and Turrbal people as the original custodians from where its head office is located within Brisbane City. This statement highlights Kyeema's recognition of the plight and hardship many of Australia's First Nations Peoples continue to experience. Kyeema is a strong supporter of Indigenous People's rights to equal opportunity globally.

The word Kyeema is an Indigenous Australian term which means 'new or beautiful dawn'. It is reportedly a Cadigal word from Guringai country. This word is a fitting representation of our organisation's vision, which is "Empowerment of vulnerable communities". Our work at Kyeema draws many parallels with the vital action required here in Australia for our First Nations' Peoples. Kyeema's work overseas to alleviate poverty and reduce inequality is just as valid at home.

Kyeema believes that the Uluru Statement from the Heart represents a strong voice stating the desired direction for sincere change, which is an extremely important step in not just recognising but legitimising First Nation People's right to constitutional and structural change by giving Indigenous Australians a voice in the laws and policies that impact them.

The statement aligns with Kyeema's fundamental vision and mission, which is to empower vulnerable communities globally through supporting local partnerships and use of local resources to improve livelihoods.

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