

Review of: "The Uluru Statement from the Heart – A consideration from three perspectives"

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I first read this article in an earlier version and have refreshed my memory by looking at the latest version. By bringing together three alternative perspectives David Turnbull's work has a depth to it that stays with you, and 'nags' you to go deeper, which, for me, has been to go deeper into the Uluru Statement of the Heart itself, a profound and very moving document, one that is very relevant to the times in which we find ourselves.

The article is well written and the interweaving of the three perspectives serves to highlight common threads and ground as well as the different nuances and foundational thinking of the different perspectives. It overlaps, tangentially, with my own PhD research and resulting journal, and although I have a fairly limited background knowledge of occupational science, it has enabled me to look again at my current work and ask deeper questions on our sense of being individually and collectively and how we might move from very different foundations towards common ground, despite sometimes different foundational cultural, philosophical and spiritual perspectives. The urgency for this transition cannot really be overstated.

In this context, the work of David Thurbull is an important contribution to the rebalancing that we need to undertake to get into 'right relationship' with the natural world, which encompasses us, as human beings, within its unity (expressed beautifully in the Uluru Statement of the Heart itself).

I originally decided not to post a review because my academic background in occupational science is limited. However, like many good provocative works (in the best of senses) it continues to resonate with me and call me for my attention. That is unusual in our over-saturated media world so thank you David for this inspirational work.