

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

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In positioning myself in the context of the research topic. An Acknowledgement of Traditional Knowledge and its continuing influence on governmental policies and Australia's Indigenous people yearning for shared dialogue, diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). I am a Filipino -born Australian with an ancestral link to Indigenous Americas – Mexico. I work and reside in two First Nations countries in South Australia.

Overall, this article respectfully articulates, translates, synthesis and disseminates information from the supplementary article. Contextually, it is great to see that David Turnbull has openly acknowledged the source of information and appreciates the transparency of its content and the author's desire to entrench ethical protocols throughout the process.

Turnbull highlighted Wilcock's model of four aspects of the occupation, which emphasized '*doing*', '*being*', '*becoming*' and '*belonging*', and that's what '*The Uluru Statement from the Heart*' is all about – it represents the voices of Knowledge Keepers and weaving the Stories, the Law and the connection between language, culture, and the land which are fundamentally crucial to Indigenous identity and ways of knowing, reflecting Wilcock's model to emphasise the need to work together, address Australian colonial history at the grassroots level, and fully understand the continuing legacy of trauma affecting Indigenous people.

One lesson from this article is that, as non-Indigenous researchers, we must interpret oral wisdom within a cultural context and always create space for shared dialogue when involving Indigenous people, particularly in academic research. Moreover, transparency is essential in executing diversity, equity, inclusion, and reciprocal learning, repaired by Mary Graham as a custodial ethic of '*caring for country*'. Nevertheless, '*The Uluru Statement from the Heart*' can shine as a starting point for Australia's voice of nationhood by empowering Indigenous voices, taking a rightful place in Australia's politics, and paving a shared constitutional plebiscite guiding our future knowledge keepers to flourish in a volatile society.

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