

Statement From The Heart

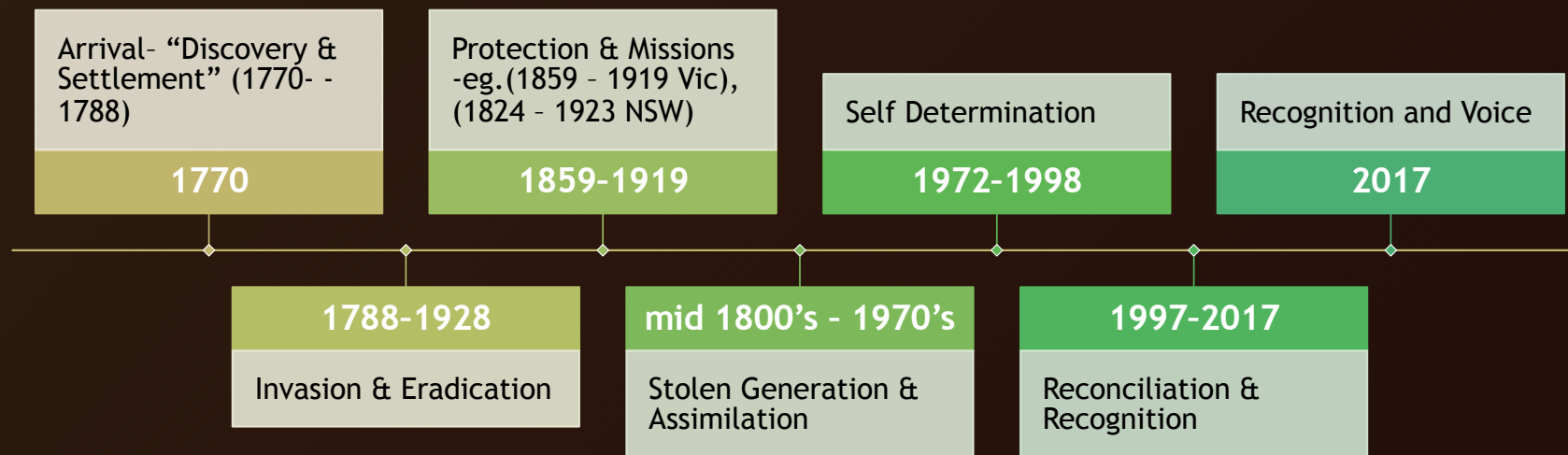
A Process for Justice.

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Timeline to Now



1770 Invasion	Aboriginal Affairs	1976 Land Rights NT	2008 Apology - Stolen Generations
1788 First Fleet	1937 Petition For Representation in Parliament	1977 National Aboriginal Conference	2008 Yolngu & Bininj Leaders present a Statement of Intent to Prime Minister
1824 Wiradjuri Treaty	1938 Day of Mourning	1977 Establishment of NACC	2010 Establishment Of The Expert Panel
1846 Petition Queen Victoria	1949 Australia Aborigines League	1979 Call For A Treaty	2012 Expert Panel Report
1886 Petition from William Barak to Victorian Government opposing the Aboriginal Protection Bill	1958 Federal Council for Aboriginal Advancement	1988 The Barunga Statement	2013 Recognition Act
1890-99 Debates over a federal Constitution	1962 The Right To Vote	1989 Establishment of ATSIC	2014 Joint select parliamentary committee formed
1901 The Constitution Coming into Force	1963 Yirrkala Bark Petitions	1991 Breaking The Promise of A Treaty	2015 Referendum Council Established
1912 The Call for Ngarrindjeri Autonomy – William Cooper	1966 Walk-off at Wave Hill	1992 Native Title Recognised by the High Court	2016-17 First Nations Constitutional Dialogues
1926 Call For An Aboriginal State – William Cooper	1967 Constitutional Referendum	1993 Native Title Act Passed	2017 The Uluru Statement
1927 Call For the Abolition of Protection and Control	1971 The NT Supreme Court rules against land rights	1995 Recognition, Rights and Reform Report	2018 Recommendation for Co-design
1933 Petition for Representation in Federal Parliament	1972 Larrakia Petition	1997 Bringing Them Home Report tabled	2019 Co-Design Process
1934 Urge To Take Over	1973 National Aboriginal Consultative Committee	2000 The Roadmap For Reconciliation	2022 Anthony Albanese is Prime Minister of Australia
	1973 Land Rights Commission	2005 Abolition of ATSIC	
	1975 Racial Discrimination Act	2007 New Commitment to Constitutional Preamble	

Hobart, (9-11 December 2016);

Broome, (10-12 February 2017);

Dubbo, (17-19 February 2017);

Darwin, (22-24 February 2017);

Perth, (3-5 March 2017);

Sydney, (10-12 March 2017);

Melbourne, (17-19 March 2017);

Cairns, (24-27 March 2017);

Ross River, (31 March - 2 April 2017);

Adelaide, (7-9 April 2017);

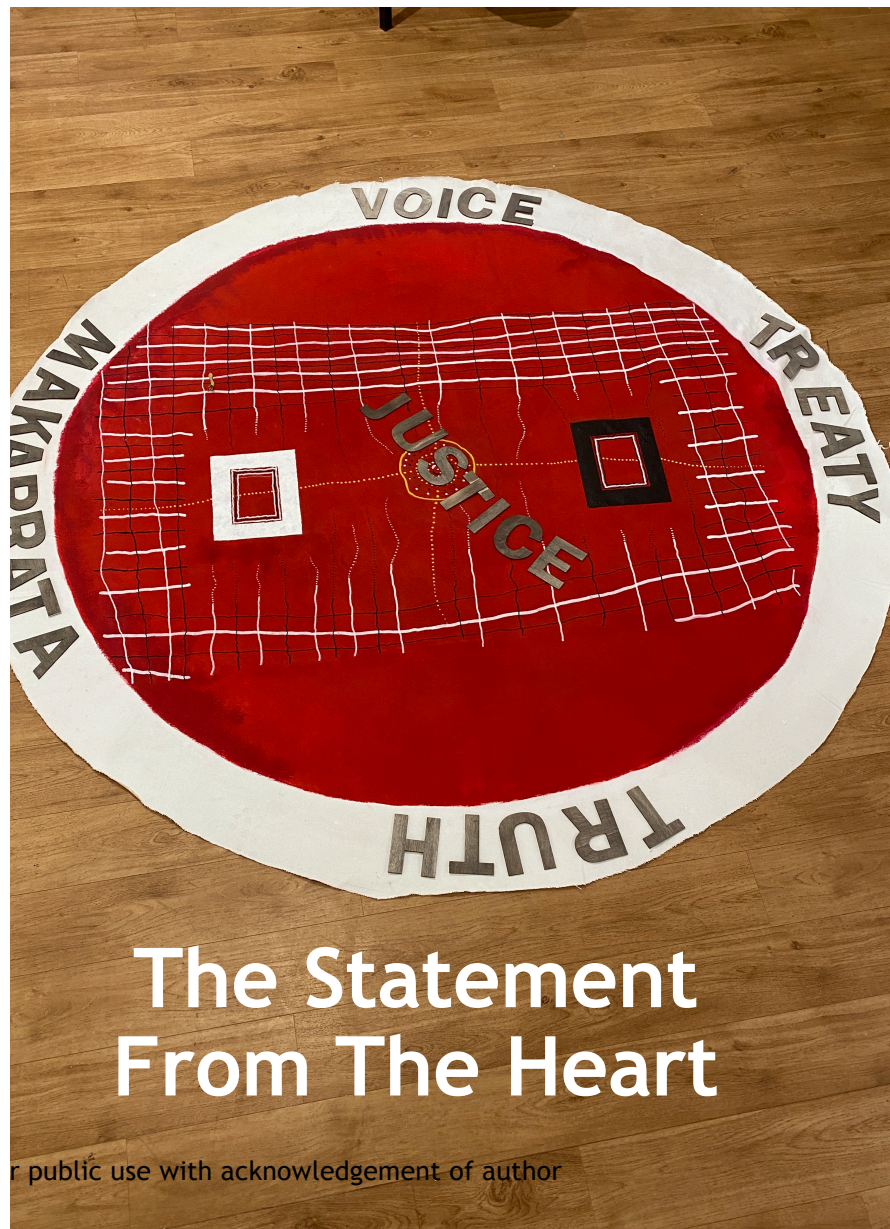
Brisbane, (21-23 April 2017);

Thursday Island, (5-7 May 2017).

The 13th dialogue refers to a truncated dialogue session hosted by the United Ngunnawal Elders Council in Canberra on 10 May 2017

The consultation process started in 2015. The P M established a Referendum Council to oversee a deliberative process First Nations designed and led.

More than 1200 Indigenous leaders from 13 First Nations attended Regional Dialogues across the country:



is an invitation, an act of absurd compassion and generosity from a people decimated and dispossessed to those who came here and continue to dispossess.

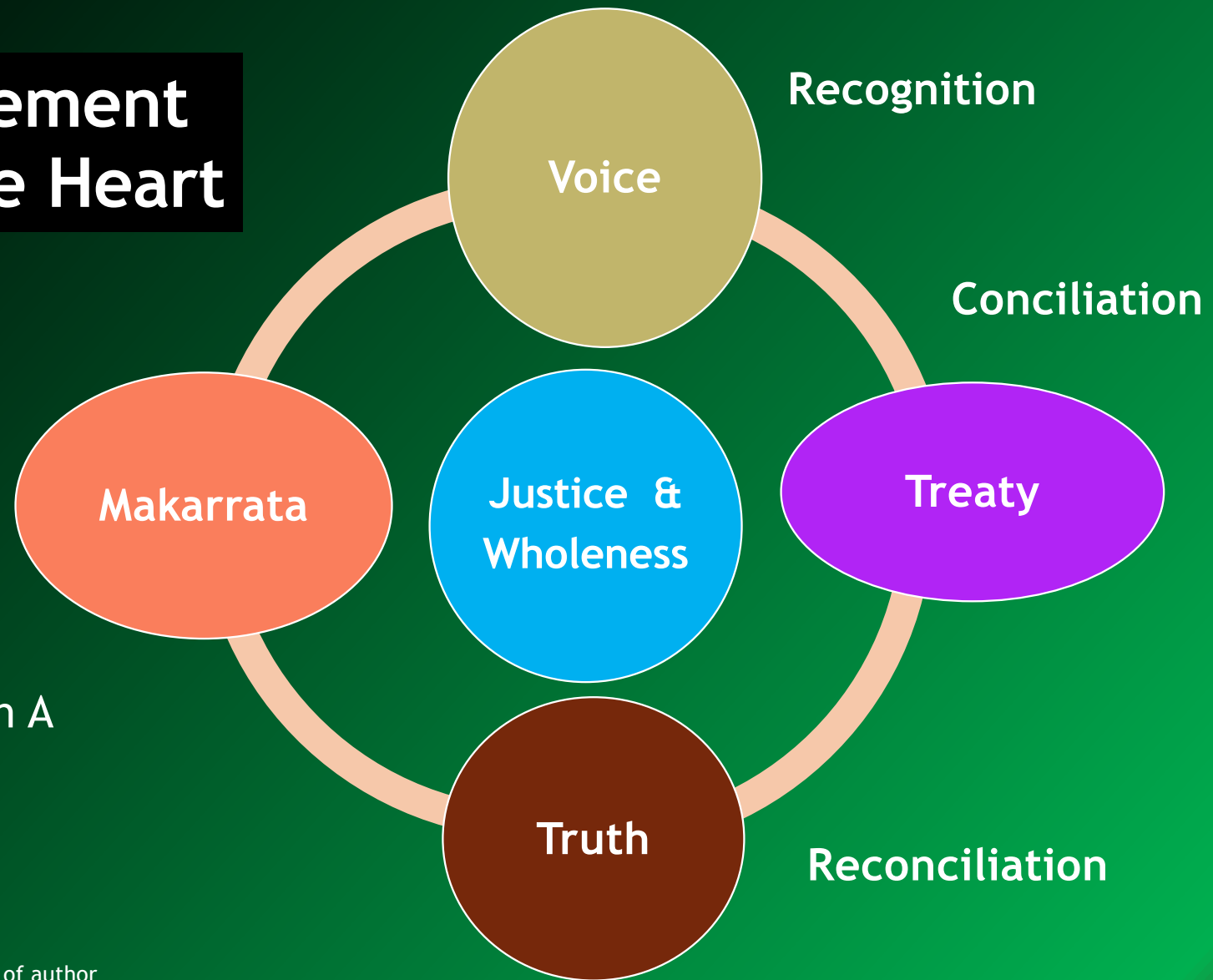


An act of transformational forgiveness.



If accepted.

The Statement From The Heart



Constitutional
recognition

Not about the
Voice alone

What is the Referendum?

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- *Chapter IX Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples*
- *129 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice*
- *In recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Peoples of Australia:*
 - *There shall be a body, to be called the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice;*
 - *The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice may make representations to the Parliament and the Executive Government of the Commonwealth on matters relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples;*
 - *The Parliament shall, subject to this Constitution, have power to make laws with respect to matters relating to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice, including its composition, functions, powers and procedures.*

Question. DO YOU APPROVE the proposed law for the alteration of the Constitution entitled— 'An Act to alter the Constitution so as to omit certain words relating to the People of the Aboriginal Race in any State and so that Aboriginals are to be counted in reckoning the Population'? (1967)

The draft referendum question would ask:

“A Proposed Law: to alter the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.

Do you approve this proposed alteration?”

What is the Voice?

- What the First People's have asked for
- A permanent, advisory body on laws & policies impacting First Peoples.
- Consists of First Peoples representatives
- Unable to block legislation, deliver services or manage government funding.

Why do we need constitutional change? What will it achieve?

Queensland boy, 13, spends at least 45 days in solitary confinement despite not being sentenced to detention

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- Including the Voice in the Constitution will protect it from being abolished without the consent of the Australian people.
- Past experience makes this clear, eg. ATSIC.
- Constitutional protection means it can focus on more effective, long-term solutions.

Do We Need More Detail?

- Head of power are enshrined in the Constitution; this is a Head of Power
- Head of Power are enacted in legislation and tested in the High Court. Here detail is added.
- For Example: Australian Tax law

51. Legislative powers of the Parliament

The Parliament shall, subject to this Constitution, have power to make laws for the peace, order, and good government of the Commonwealth with respect to:
(ii) taxation; but so as not to discriminate between States or parts of States;
(39 similar clauses)

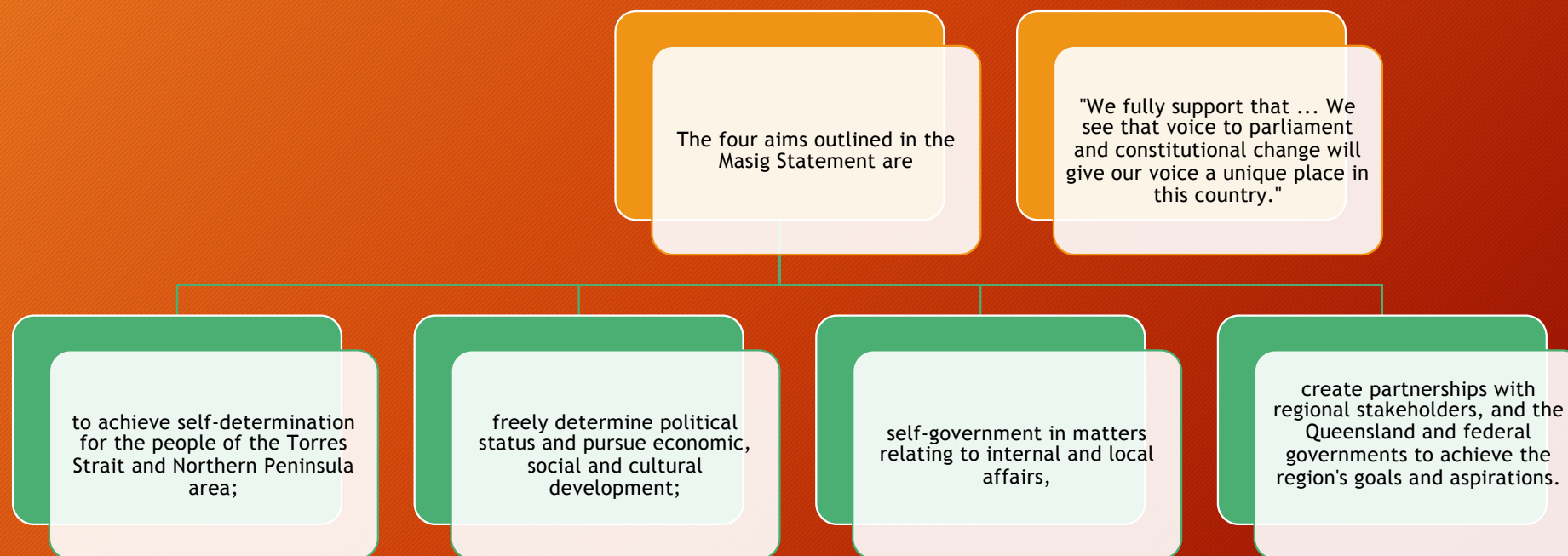
What About Immigrants? Divide by Race?

- Immigrants and refugees who come here now are recognised as equals. No White Australia Policy
- Immigrants benefit from the dispossession of the First People
- Not divide but unite as race was the basis of settlement.

Do All First Peoples Support The Voice?

- No. Polling says 80% do.
- Different experiences = different responses. Context matters.
- Distrust of Gov'ts and non-First Peoples mean people are sceptical.
- Too much saying sorry, and no significant changes occur.

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No Voices - yindyamarra yambuwan

Jacinta Price &
the
Conservative
No

Lidia Thorpe &
the Progressive
No

National Party
& Who Can Be
Aboriginal?

Liberal & Detail

Mob

Yes, But.....

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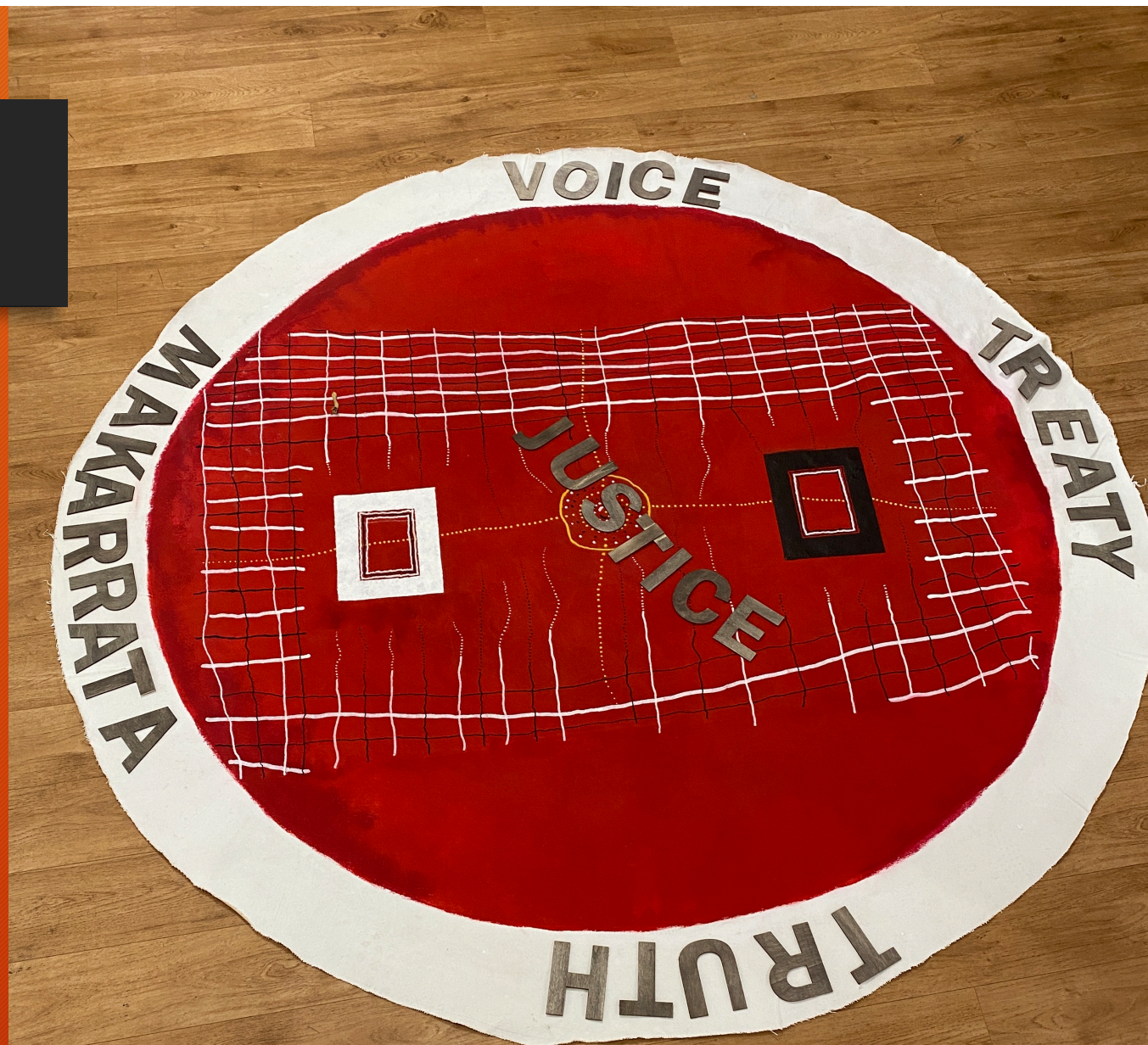
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