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Chunky Move supports the right of First Peoples to a Voice

Situated on the ancestral lands of the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nations, Chunky Move acknowledges the significant contributions of Australia's First Peoples and are committed to the continuity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, the sacred connection to this land, and to the self-determination of the First Nations communities with which we work.

Chunky Move wholeheartedly accepts the invitation from the Uluru Statement from the Heart to walk together with First Nations people. We support the establishment of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to be enshrined in the Constitution so that the multitude of lived experiences, concerns, and aspirations of First Nations people and communities are heard by Parliament and the Government.

Our commitment to this position is deliberate and thoughtful and aligns with our First Peoples Engagement Framework and its guiding principles of Consultation, Time, Reciprocity, Respect, Evaluation, and Evolution. We've sought input from a broad range of stakeholders including First Nations people whom we continue to work beside and while as an organisation, we encourage support for the Voice, we do appreciate and value the diverse viewpoints of individuals.

Through our art, known for its daring experimentation and unique engagement with audiences we explore new technologies, the relationships between knowledge and ethics, conflict and cooperation and imagine radical futures that encourage introspection and understanding. We believe that like our art, a Voice might not force or decide but, believe it can influence what happens next.

The Voice will not close the gap between First Nations and non-First Nations Australians but is a step in the right direction. We hope that through a First Nations Voice to Parliament, First Nations people will be heard, more deeply valued and respected, and empowered with a greater capacity to self-determine a positive future.

Chunky Move supports the right of First Peoples to a Voice, to Treaty, and to Truth.