



## Quaker Silent Vigil

Supporting  
Justice for First Peoples of Australia

*"We took the traditional lands and smashed the traditional way of life. We brought the diseases, the alcohol. We committed the murders. We took the children from their mothers. We practiced exclusion"*

*(from Paul Keating's Redfern speech, 1992)*

- We acknowledge the First Peoples of Australia on whose land we live, and support their ongoing struggle for justice. The land was taken without consent.
  - We recognise with respect the Elders, whose ancient knowledge has shaped profound and distinctive cultures.
  - We join with them in the desire to see their children flourish, to walk in two worlds and to end the inequality witnessed in incarcerations and deaths in custody.
  - A large group of First Nations People have produced the 'Statement from the Heart', the main recommendation of which was a 'Voice to Parliament' enshrined in the Constitution.
  - We support 'the Voice' and the opportunity for First Nations People to be able to communicate directly with Federal Parliament.
  - We can then move on to the process of 'Makarrata', which includes Treaty Making and Truth Telling. Let us listen to and acknowledge their history, their truths and their voices.
- We believe this ancient sovereignty can shine through as a fuller experience of Australian nationhood" (Uluru Statement from the Heart.)*

*We invite you to pause now, or to join this vigil at anytime.  
Old G.P.O Steps, Bourke Street. Monday 12 – 1pm*

## Groups working in this area

Reconciliation Victoria

[www.reconciliationvic.org.au](http://www.reconciliationvic.org.au)

Ph 9016 0657

ANTaR (Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation)

[www.antarvictoria.org.au](http://www.antarvictoria.org.au)

Ph 9419 3613

Indigenous Social Justice Association – Melbourne Support Group

[isjamelbourne.com](http://isjamelbourne.com)

Koorie Heritage Trust,

The Yarra Building, Federation Square, Melbourne

[info@korieheritagetrust.com](mailto:info@korieheritagetrust.com)

"concerned Australians" [www.concernedaustralians.com.au](http://www.concernedaustralians.com.au)

*We understand that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia prefer to be recognised as the First Peoples or First Nations of Australia*

*This Vigil is on the land of the Yarra Yarra, Wurundjeri and Boonwurrung peoples, country that gives them physical and spiritual identity and is filled with the spirit presence of their ancestors.*

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<https://www.quakersaustralia.org.au/>