



## First Nations Elders Advisory Committee

### Supporting the Voices of First Nations Elders

The First Nations Elders Advisory Committee gives First Nations Elders a chance to share their knowledge, experience, and perspectives with the State First Nations Voice to Parliament.

The Committee helps make sure Elders' voices are heard when decisions are being made about issues that affect Elders, families, communities, and culture.

### Who can be a member?

You can join if you:

- Are a First Nations person
- Are recognised as an Elder by your community
- Live in South Australia
- Have strong cultural knowledge, experience, and community connections
- Are respected and trusted within your community

Being an Elder is not about age alone. It is about the respect, recognition, and cultural authority given by your community.

### What does the Committee do?

Committee members:

- Share advice about issues affecting First Nations Elders
- Provide cultural knowledge and perspectives to help guide decisions
- Speak up about the needs and priorities of Elders and communities
- Help identify challenges and opportunities affecting Elders
- Support strong connections between Elders, young people, and communities
- Encourage respectful and culturally safe engagement with Elders

### How many members are there?

There are 12 members in total.

Each Local First Nations Voice selects:

- One female Elder
- One male Elder

Members cannot also be members of a Local Voice or the State Voice.





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## **How long do members serve?**

- Members serve for up to 2 years at a time
- They may be reappointed for a maximum of 4 years altogether

## **Who leads the Committee?**

The Committee is led by two Joint Chairs:

- One male Chair
- One female Chair

The Chairs help run meetings and represent the Committee when speaking with the State Voice.

## **Do members get paid?**

Yes - members receive:

- Sitting fees for attending meetings
- Reimbursement for approved travel and other expenses

## **How often does the Committee meet?**

- At least twice a year, and up to four times each year
- Meetings can be held online or in person

## **What is expected of members?**

Members are expected to:

- Attend meetings where possible
- Treat others with respect
- Listen to different views
- Keep confidential information private
- Declare any conflicts of interest
- Follow the Committee's Code of Conduct and policies

## **Support for members**

The State Voice and its Secretariat provides support to help members participate, including:

- Cultural and wellbeing support
- Administrative support
- Travel and meeting arrangements

## **Need more information?**

Contact the Voice Secretariat:

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