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## A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR OF FEDERATION UNIVERSITY AUSTRALIA

**Statement from Federation University Australia Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Duncan Bentley**

*“Federation University Australia has been a strong advocate for the Yes campaign, and we are committed to continuing our leadership in reconciliation matters. The referendum result will not change our commitment to reconciliation, truth, and justice; this is a long journey and one that we are dedicated to, and we will work collaboratively and inclusively, to advance reconciliation in this country.*”

*“Our University’s core values are transforming lives and enhancing communities, and we will continue to actively support the commitments to Voice, Treaty and Truth as outlined in the Uluru Statement from the Heart.*”

*“As Victoria’s leading regional university, we will also continue to collaborate closely with the First Peoples Assembly of Victoria and the Yoorrook Justice Commission to support their work on Treaty and Truth in our state.”*

### **About Federation University Australia**

*With a history spanning over 150 years, Federation University Australia is Victoria’s premier regional dual-sector university with campuses located in Ballarat, Berwick, Gippsland and Wimmera. From 2018-2023 Federation ranked first in Australia for first-generation student enrolments. In a first for Australia, the globally recognised co-operative education model will be embedded across all Federation programs from 2025.*