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Mr Tom Rogers
Australian Electoral Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner

IAP2 Australasia is the peak body for professionals in the community and stakeholder engagement sector, and we would like to meet with you to discuss how IAP2 Australasia can assist the Australian Electoral Commission with community engagement for the Voice to Parliament Referendum.

As the peak body for the community and stakeholder engagement sector in Australia, IAP2 believes that effective engagement improves environmental, social and governance outcomes and increases trust in the democratic process.

IAP2's membership is experienced in delivering local and state government engagement activities to encourage community participation in local decisions. We also deliver training and accreditation for engagement professionals.

The upcoming Voice to Parliament referendum campaign presents an opportunity for the Commission to engage in community outreach, promote voter registration and educate voters on the referendum process. Our professionals are skilled in conducting outreach and facilitating community engagement – and would be eager to assist the Commission in maximising participation in the referendum.

IAP2 would appreciate the opportunity to speak with you about how IAP2 can assist you to deliver the referendum. We are particularly interested in discussing with you how the Australian Electoral Commission could benefit from utilising IAP2's Quality Assurance Standard to further encourage engagement in Australian democracy.

To organise a meeting, please contact my Executive Assistant, Sharon Turner, by emailing Sharon@iap2.org.au or calling 0410 289 990.

Regards



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