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The recent Referendum to establish a First Nations Voice has highlighted the challenges we collectively face on the journey toward Reconciliation.

Despite the outcome, it showed that almost forty percent of Australians do want the views of Indigenous people heard and counted in relation to matters that affect them. It is now more important than ever that we come together to determine the path forward.

The Institute remains committed to Reconciliation and the generous invitation made by the Uluru Statement from the Heart to all Australians, and its call for Voice, Treaty and Truth will continue to guide the organisation's strategies and planning.

Working together, we can change outcomes for Indigenous Australians through our support of the profession and alignment of our policy, advocacy and education approaches with First Nations values and priorities.

The Institute is committed to supporting our First Nation's staff and members, and we are prioritising the work of the voice to the Institute, the First Nations Advisory Committee, as part of our steadfast commitment to Reconciliation.

One initiative we encourage members to participate in is the <u>Country, Culture, Community CPD event</u> held between 14–16 February 2024.

Drawing together Indigenous and non-Indigenous architects, designers, artists, and thinkers from across Australia on palawa Country, nipaluna (Hobart), this three-day event will explore practical experiences, real world learning, and realistic action plans.

We have much to learn and we are committed to working together to shape a better future.

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