



Christians for an
Ethical Society

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2023 FORUM SERIES

'A VOICE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS' THE FATE OF TRUTH IN PUBLIC DISCOURSE

When a society is driven by the desire for power the consequences are disastrous. Lying becomes our stock in trade and loving truth above all else is consigned to the field of dreams. Such is the fate of truth in contemporary public discourse today.

The Referendum of the Voice to Parliament is an important case in point. The voice that cries for recognition struggles to be heard in a modern wilderness marked by a cacophony of competing voices, sounds, noise and static.

How might we hear a true voice in such times? What must we do to act truthfully? What may we hope for?

Australia is having a
conversation about the
Voice referendum being
held later this year.

It's about whether we should change the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.

→→ **NOTE CHANGE OF DATE** ↓



The Rt Revd Professor Stephen Pickard

Stephen Pickard was Executive Director of the *Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture* Charles Sturt University, and Assistant Bishop in the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn 2013–2022.

Since retiring in 2022, he continues as an adjunct Professor of Theology at CSU. He has exercised ministry in Australia and the UK in theological education, ministerial formation and pastoral ministry. In 2011 he was installed as a *Six Preacher* at Canterbury Cathedral.

In March 2022 he received, from the Archbishop of Canterbury, *The Cross of St Augustine* in recognition of his service to the Anglican Communion as a theologian, teacher and bishop. He is the author of 4 books.

THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER 7:00 PM

Forum Chair: Mr Clive Rodger, Chair,
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