The Constitution doesn’t recognise the First Australians.

So one option for reform is to include a statement to acknowledge that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples lived here before the British arrived.

A statement could also talk about the relationship First Australians have with their lands and waters, and their continuing cultures, languages and heritage.

Some people think a Constitutional statement could be a significant step in our nation’s journey of reconciliation – because it would send a clear message that we recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Peoples.

Another view is that a statement is only symbolic. And we should focus on reforms that would make a genuine change in the lives of the First Peoples.

What’s your view? Get the full picture, and join the conversation.