

FIRST PEOPLES' ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

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Statewide **TREATY**

COMMUNITY UPDATE

People thrive when they can set their own course in life. When they can make choices about what works best for them and their families based on their own needs, experiences, talents and aspirations.

When it comes to Aboriginal communities, cultures and lands, **the experts are of course Aboriginal people.**

That's why we want Treaty to ensure Aboriginal communities always have the ability to come up with and deliver practical solutions at a local level.







THE FIRST STATEWIDE TREATY IS ALMOST HERE!

Since 2019, the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria has been yarning with Community in every corner of the state.

The elected Assembly Members have been listening to First Peoples' needs, hopes and aspirations.

We have taken these ideas to the negotiating table and pushed hard to ensure that Self-determination is at the heart of Australia's first ever Treaty!

HERE'S WHAT WE ARE PUSHING FOR:

DECISIONS ABOUT US MADE BY US

We want the First Peoples' Assembly to have meaningful decision-making powers, independent from Government that enable our people to deliver practical solutions at a local level for generations to come.



STRONG & PROUD IN CULTURE



We want to see First Peoples' cultures and languages properly respected and believe that sharing and celebrating them will bring everyone closer together.

We are determined that this Treaty will honour our ancestors, maintain our continuing connection to Country and uphold our cultures, Lore and Law.

TRUTH & HEALING



If we want to move on together with all Victorians, we need people to understand and accept the truth about the past.

We want to be able to keep telling our truths and share our stories with all Victorians, so we are pushing for ongoing truth-telling, focused on healing and fostering a shared understanding of our histories.

STRENGTH TO HOLD GOVERNMENT TO THEIR PROMISES



We want the power to hold Government to its promises and make sure they are up to scratch and delivering for First Peoples.



STRONGER TOGETHER

Treaty is strongest when all our communities are enrolled so we'll continue to grow our independent electoral roll and represent First Peoples with a range of advocacy.



A TREATY FOR THE GENERATIONS

We aren't stopping here. In fact, this is the beginning of a new Treaty era.

We're pushing for an agreement that will set the standard for future Statewide Treaties — creating better outcomes for our communities now and for generations to come.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS

In addition to the Statewide Treaty, the various Traditional Owners across Victoria will be able to build on this work and negotiate Treaties that reflect the priorities in their areas.

These will empower local decision-making at a community level! Those negotiations will unfold over the coming years at different paces – it's not a case of one-size-fits-all.



IT'S YOUR TREATY

HAVE YOUR SAY

By enrolling with the Assembly, you get to choose the people who will best represent your views on the journey to Treaty.

Also, when we grow the Assembly's electoral roll, we grow our collective strength and wisdom. Together we'll be able to negotiate a strong Treaty that improves the lives of our people.

So enrol today to show your support and help get Treaty done!

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