



Victorian Treaty
Advancement
Commission



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Introduction

The role of the Victorian Treaty Advancement Commission (VTAC) is to establish a democratically elected Aboriginal Representative Body, which will help communities negotiate with the State of Victoria.

VTAC are currently in the process of creating the Aboriginal Representative Body which will be made up of traditional owners, elected by Aboriginal people in Victoria in 2019.

The Representative Body will work with Government to set up the Treaty Authority - an 'independent umpire' - and a Self-Determination Fund, to allow fair negotiations. It will also include a voice for Elders to make sure it is culturally accountable to Victoria's Aboriginal communities.

Definitions

The Aboriginal Representative Body

The Aboriginal Representative Body and the State of Victoria will work together to agree on a Treaty Negotiation Framework – the ground rules for treaty.

Self-determination fund

The Self-Determination Fund will support Aboriginal Victorians to negotiate treaty on equal standing with the state. It will also provide independent funding to empower Aboriginal Victorians to build capacity, wealth and prosperity.

Treaty Authority

The Treaty Authority will be an independent umpire in the treaty process. It will ensure negotiations are consistent with the Treaty Negotiation Framework and mediate disputes between parties.

Treaty Negotiation framework

The Treaty Negotiation Framework will set out the ground rules for treaty. It will include who can negotiate treaty and what may be included in a treaty.

Aboriginal Negotiation Parties

The Treaty Negotiation Parties will set out who may negotiate treaty or treaties.

Ethics Council

The Ethics Council will provide an additional layer of cultural accountability for the Aboriginal Representative Body.

Note: there may be many different Aboriginal negotiating parties which work within the rules of the treaty negotiation framework.

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Establishment of the Representative Body



The Aboriginal Representative Body

Representative Body and State Government work together to create elements of treaty negotiations



Elements for treaty negotiations

- Treaty Negotiations Framework (Ground Rules)
- Treaty Authority (Independent Umpire)
- Self Determination Fund

Treaty Negotiation Framework and **Treaty Authority** govern negotiation between the state and Aboriginal parties



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Victorian Government Negotiating Parties

Aboriginal Negotiating Parties

Treaty or Treaties established





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