



# TREATY AND FIRST PEOPLES

**STATE BUDGET 2023/24**

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# ADVANCING VOICE, TREATY, TRUTH AND TRADITIONAL OWNER RIGHTS

THIS YEAR'S BUDGET INVESTS IN  
ABORIGINAL SELF-DETERMINATION THROUGH PREPARATIONS FOR TREATY, MEANINGFUL REFORM AND  
THE TRANSFER OF POWER AND RESOURCES.

Preparing for and  
entering into Treaty  
negotiations

Strengthening  
Victoria's Aboriginal  
Cultural Heritage  
System

Enabling Traditional  
Owner participation in  
recognition and  
settlement agreements

Celebrating Victoria's  
rich Aboriginal cultures  
through community  
events

Supporting  
Traditional Owner  
Formal Recognition

Investing in Aboriginal  
community  
infrastructure

# SIGNIFICANT WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT IN TREATY AND FIRST PEOPLES

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- > **THE 2023-24 BUDGET PROVIDES A RECORD INVESTMENT OF \$475.3 MILLION**
  - > Led by a **\$163 million** output funding over four years in the Treaty and First Peoples portfolio:
    - > Next phase of Treaty investment
    - > Supporting Traditional Owners
    - > Protecting Cultural Heritage
    - > Celebrating Victorian First Peoples' achievements



# SUPPORTING AUSTRALIA'S FIRST EVER TREATY NEGOTIATIONS

**\$138.2 MILLION TO SUPPORT THE STATE AND  
FIRST PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY TO ENTER TREATY NEGOTIATIONS**

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Inclusive of:

- > **\$82.0 million** over four years for the First Peoples' Assembly for Statewide Treaty negotiations
- > **\$53.3 million** over four years to enable the State to uphold its obligations to join Treaty negotiations

