



2024-25 Public Accounts and Estimates

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Towards Truth and Treaty

The 2024-25 State Budget continues to invest in First Peoples' self-determination and support

Treaty and First Peoples Portfolio includes:

- **\$42 million** to protect Aboriginal cultural heritage, including funding for Registered Aboriginal Parties
- **\$12.5 million** to provide essential services at Framlingham and Lake Tyers Aboriginal trusts
- **\$6.8 million** to support the

extension of the Yoorrook Justice Commission and the Government's engagement with the process.



Supporting Victoria's Aboriginal Cultural Heritage System

Ensure that Victoria's Aboriginal cultural heritage management system provides strong protections for Aboriginal cultural heritage

- Funding for Registered Aboriginal Parties and the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council to meet statutory obligations.
- Proactive identification and protection of Victoria's Aboriginal cultural heritage including management of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Registry.
- Promote protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage consistent with the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*.
- Provide strong protections for Aboriginal cultural heritage and decision-making for Traditional Owners, while ensuring land users and developers have clear processes to follow.



Delivering a Victorian Truth and Justice Process

Yoorrook Justice Commission as the formal truth-telling process

- Provides operational support for the Yoorrook Justice Commission.
- Provides support to deliver its third interim report
- Support delivery of a final report by 30 June 2025 to provide an official public record of systemic injustice since the start of colonisation, as required under the Letters Patent.



Sustainable Funding for Safe and Self-governing Aboriginal Trusts

Support essential services at the Framlingham and Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trusts.

- Continue operations and the provision of municipal and essential services.
- Upgrade wastewater infrastructure at the Framlingham Aboriginal Trust.
- Replace the jetty at Lake Tyers.



Towards Treaty

Achievements 2023-24:

- appointment of five inaugural members to the Treaty Authority
- election of the second chamber of First Peoples' Assembly
- preparing the State for Treaty negotiations, including whole-of-Victorian Government engagement
- opening of Self-Determination Fund grants
- delivering the 2022-23 Treaty Annual Report.

