



# ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS

**STATE BUDGET 2022/23**

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# EMBEDDING SELF-DETERMINATION ACROSS GOVERNMENT

THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO ADVANCING  
ABORIGINAL SELF-DETERMINATION THROUGH MEANINGFUL REFORM AND THE TRANSFER OF POWER  
AND RESOURCES.

**Progressing Victoria's  
historic treaty process  
with First Peoples**

**Boosting capacity and  
addressing demand in  
the Aboriginal Cultural  
Heritage System**

**Stolen Generations  
Reparations Package**

**Celebrating Victoria's  
rich Aboriginal cultures  
through community  
events**

**Strengthening the  
independence of Lake  
Tyers and  
Framlingham  
Aboriginal Trusts**

# SIGNIFICANT WHOLE OF GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT IN ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS

Department	2022/23 Investment
Department of Premier and Cabinet	\$190.7m
Department of Health	\$21.2m
Department of Fairness, Families and Housing	\$20.4m
Department of Justice and Community Safety	\$136.9m
Department of Education	\$11.3m
Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning	\$11.3m
Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions	\$8.7m

# DELIVERING FIRST PEOPLES' OWNERSHIP OF VICTORIA'S TREATY PROCESS

\$151.4 MILLION TO PROGRESS TREATY ELEMENTS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE  
FIRST PEOPLES' ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

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- > \$151.4 million over four years to support the establishment of key treaty elements required under Victoria's *Advancing the Treaty Process with Aboriginal Victorians Act 2018* (Treaty Act).
- > This investment will be held in contingency and will support the joint finalisation of the self-determination fund and Treaty Authority.



# BOOSTING OUR WORLD-CLASS ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE SYSTEM

**\$35.7 MILLION TO INCREASE EFFICIENCIES AND BOOST  
CAPACITY OF VICTORIA'S ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE  
SYSTEM**

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- > \$35.7 million over two years to support the continued functions and boost capacity in Victoria's Aboriginal cultural heritage system, including:
  - > \$13.480 million to boost resourcing for Registered Aboriginal Parties to ensure Traditional Owners are adequately resourced to fulfil their statutory obligations, respond to increased demand, and exercise their rights to self-determination in cultural heritage management.
  - > \$18.874 million to maintain the broader system and meet demand, and specifically includes boosting the enforcement and compliance capacity and enhance the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Register.
  - > \$3.299 million over one year to further support the proactive protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage across the state.



# PROVIDING COMMUNITY-LEVEL SUPPORT

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- > \$2 million over four years to strengthen the independence of Framlingham and Lake Tyres Aboriginal Trusts.
- > \$0.9 million over one year to celebrate Victoria's rich Aboriginal cultures by continuing support for Victoria's major Aboriginal cultural events.

