



# 2014–15

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS  
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2014–15 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

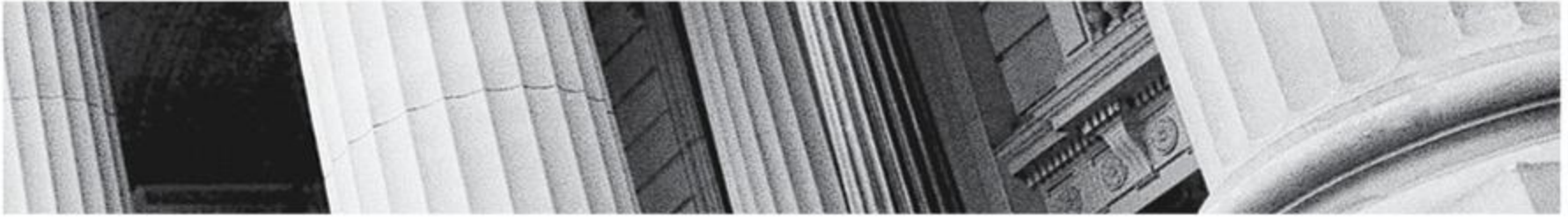
**Minister for Aboriginal Affairs**

**The Hon Tim Bull MLA**

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Department of  
Premier and Cabinet

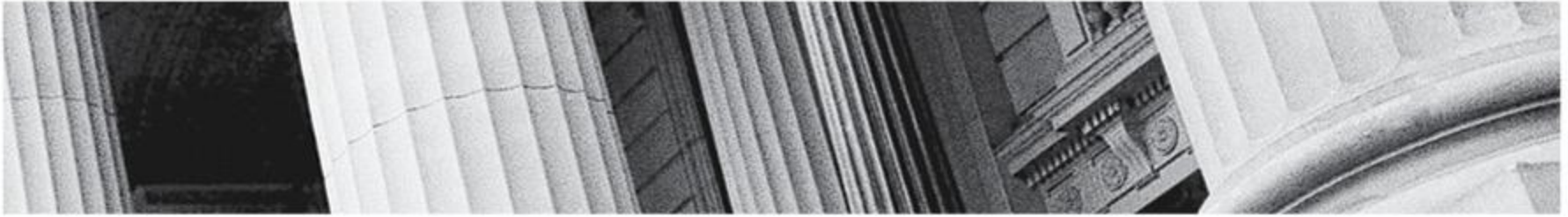




## ABORIGINAL VICTORIANS

Over 50,000 Aboriginal people live in Victoria (Source: ABS estimate, 2014)

- By 2026 the Aboriginal population in Victoria is projected to rise to over 70,000
- Just over 50% of Aboriginal Victorians live in regional Victoria
- The median age is 22 years for Aboriginal Victorians, compared with 37 years for non-Aboriginal people



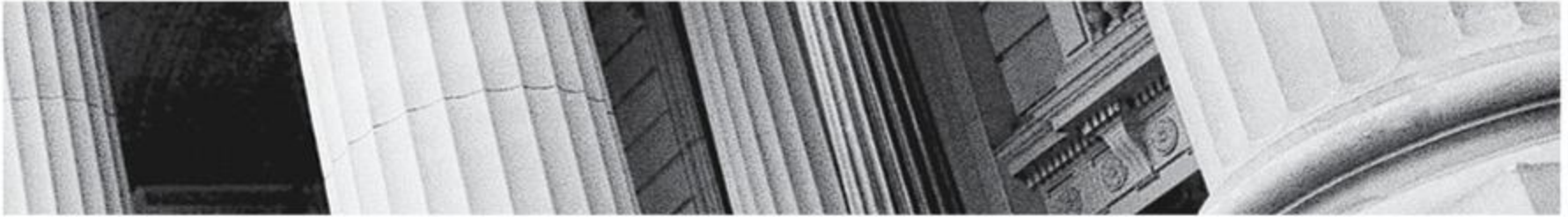
## PROGRESS IN CLOSING THE GAP

The 2013 Victorian Government Aboriginal Affairs Report notes a number of improvements, including:

- perinatal mortality rate among babies born to Aboriginal mothers reached its lowest rate since 2004
- achievement of 100 per cent retention rate for Aboriginal students from years 7 to 10
- increased university enrolments by year 12 graduates
- increased number of Aboriginal students completing Certificate III or above in VET

There are also areas that require further attention, in particular:

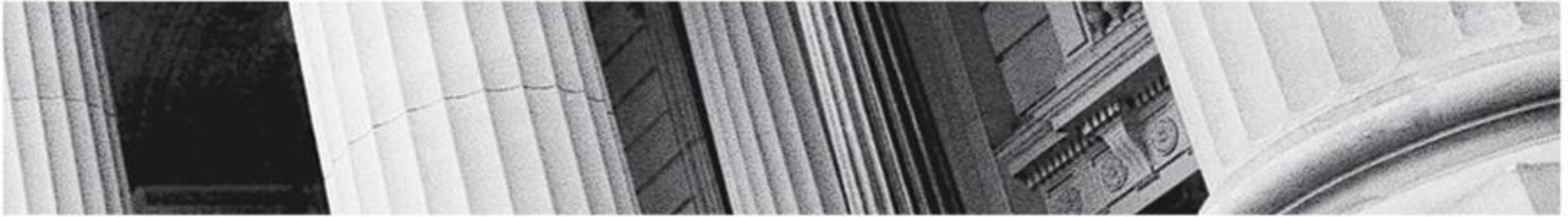
- child protection substantiations
- smoking rates
- the over-representation of Aboriginal Victorians in the justice system



## ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS 2014-15 BUDGET COMMITMENTS

The 2014-15 Budget will fund the following important initiatives:

- \$525,000 for the Victorian Aboriginal Economic Strategy
- \$3.1 million for the Victorian Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Strategy
- \$488,000 to support the Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trust's transition to self-governance
- \$80,000 to develop school curriculum material drawing on the Victorian Indigenous Honour Roll



## KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Victorian Indigenous Honour Roll and Roadshow

Ministerial Roundtables with Aboriginal leaders

Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trust Board

Ongoing Protection Declaration at Point Ritchie

Eastern Maar appointed as Victoria's 10<sup>th</sup> RAP

Progress strategies to close the gaps, including:

- *Aboriginal Justice Agreement Phase 3*
- *Human Services Aboriginal Strategic Framework 2013-2015*
- *Victorian Aboriginal Economic Strategy 2013-2020*
- *Victoria's Aboriginal Tourism Development Strategy 2013-2023*