



First Peoples'
Assembly of
Victoria

**First Speech by Melissa Jones
Inaugural Meeting of the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria**

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Thank you, Aunty Eleanor, for the introduction. My name is Melissa Jones, and I represent the traditional owners in the north-west. I would like to pay my respects to the traditional—

I am very nervous, sorry. I left my paper upstairs. It is okay.

I was chosen from my community group up in Mildura, to speak for our mob up there. I am just so nervous, sorry.

A member: You got it, sis.

I know, thank you. I am here today to fight for my people, and to stand up for them and—

I am just lost again, sorry. I will just pass it on. Sorry.

