

**First Peoples'
Assembly of
Victoria**

June Assembly Chamber Agenda overview

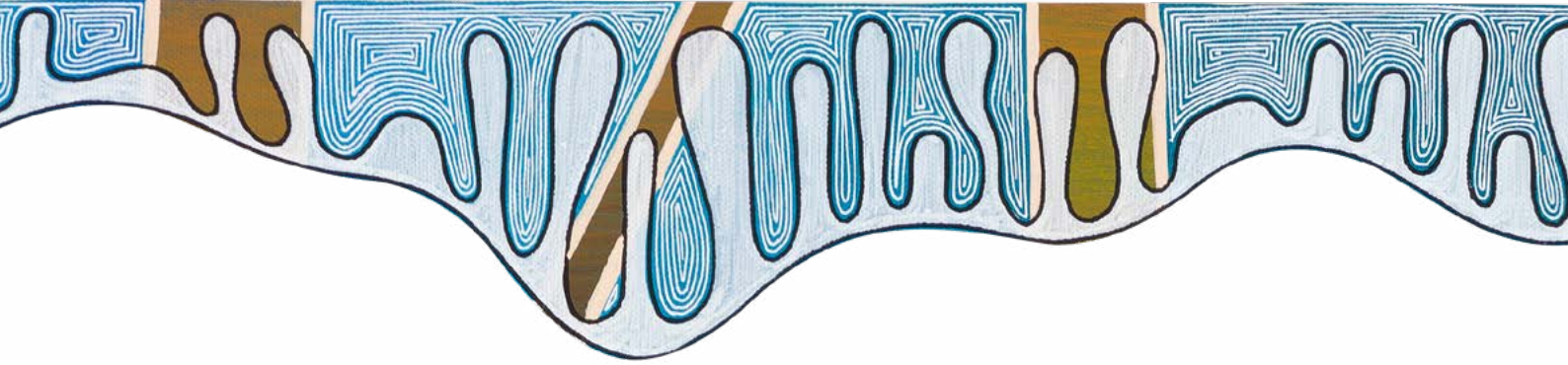
18-19 June 2020 via videoconference

THURSDAY 18 JUNE 2020

BLOCK ONE OPERATIONAL AND MEMBER-LED BUSINESS

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| <p>1. Welcome (livestreamed)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Acknowledgement of Countries 1.2 Apologies 1.3 Meeting via videoconference procedures 1.4 Minutes and outstanding actions | <p>Chair</p> |
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| <p>2. Operation of the Assembly (livestreamed)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Highlights from the Co-Chairs' report 2.2 Highlights from the CEO's report 2.3 Self-determination fund update
<i>Progress on the development of a Self-determination fund, which will support parties to negotiate Treaty(ies) on equal standing and provide an independent financial resource to empower Aboriginal Victorians to build future capacity, wealth, and prosperity.</i> 2.4 Elders' Voice update
<i>Progress on the development of an Elders' Voice to support and guide the Assembly's decisions.</i> 2.5 Cultural Governance update
<i>Progress on the review of the Assembly's cultural governance, which is looking at how the Assembly can continue to embed cultural practices into its business.</i> | <p>Co-Chairs</p> <p>CEO</p> <p>Troy McDonald, Chair
Self-Determination
fund committee</p> <p>Tracey Evans,
Chair Elders' Voice
committee</p> <p>Trent Nelson, Chair
Cultural governance
committee</p> |





3. Member-led business (livestreamed)

Members

Members will discuss items of importance from their communities. Individual members have given notice that they wish to discuss issues including:

Process for providing reserved seats in the Assembly to additional Traditional Owner groups.

The Assembly is asked to commit to establishing a process to create an additional form of recognition for Traditional Owners groups. This process is intended to extend eligibility for reserved seats to groups not currently recognised under one of the existing forms of formal recognition e.g. Native Title Act 1993 (Cth), Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010 (Vic), Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 (Vic).

This process will be led by the Cultural governance committee of the Assembly.

Truth Commission and Transitional Justice process.

The Assembly is asked to seek a commitment from government to establish an independent Truth Commission or inquiry to formally recognise historic wrongs, and past and ongoing injustices as a result of colonisation. Terms of reference should consider:

- *Preamble of the Advancing the Treaty Process with Aboriginal Victorians Act 2018 (Vic)*
- *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*
- *International best practice in the use of comparable Truth and Justice inquiries*
- *Principles used in Transitional justice-based processes*

Experience with community engagement.

Discussion of experiences engaging with community including the challenges of engaging during social distancing restrictions put in place in response to COVID-19.

Discussion of matters raised by Barengi Gadjin Land Council

Presentation of issues of importance on behalf of the Barengi Gadjin Land Council.

BLOCK TWO

WORKSTREAM DISCUSSION (DISPUTE RESOLUTION AND TREATY AUTHORITY)

4. Interim dispute resolution process

Members to discuss and agree an initial position on an interim dispute resolution process to begin negotiations with the State on this process.

Once agreed the interim dispute resolution process will be a temporary guide to resolve disputes that may arise when negotiating the Treaty Authority, the Treaty negotiation framework, and the Self-determination fund with the State.

Agreement at this meeting on an initial position will allow negotiations with the State to commence, with the proposed dispute resolution process returning to the Assembly again for approval before it is finalised.

Ngarra Murray, Chair
Treaty Authority and
dispute resolution
process committee

Note not all items are livestreamed to prevent the State listening to sensitive information which will inform the Assembly's negotiation positions, however Assembly members will report back to their communities on these items.

5. Treaty Authority principles

Members to discuss and agree principles to guide negotiation with the State on a Treaty Authority.

Once agreed, a Treaty Authority will be the independent umpire in the Treaty negotiation process, overseeing Treaty(ies) negotiations and administering the Treaty negotiation framework.

Agreement at this meeting will allow negotiations with the State to commence. The design of the Treaty Authority will return to the Assembly again for approval before it is finalised.

Ngarra Murray, Chair
Treaty Authority and
dispute resolution
process committee

6. Adjournment to Friday 19 June 2020

Chair

FRIDAY 19 JUNE 2020

BLOCK THREE

WORKSTREAM DISCUSSION (FRAMEWORK)

7. Opening and welcome

Chair

8. Form of agreement making (Treaty, Treaties, or both)

Members to discuss and agree whether the Assembly should negotiate a Treaty negotiation framework that seeks a statewide Treaty, multiple individual Treaties between the State and different groups, or both a statewide treaty and local treaties..

Agreement will allow negotiations with the State to commence on this issue.

Determining a Treaty model will shape what rights can be considered in Treaty(ies) negotiations and who should be involved in Treaty(ies) negotiations.

Jamie Lowe, Chair
Treaty negotiation
framework committee

BLOCK FOUR

ASSEMBLY GOVERNANCE

9. Engagement with the State

Members will discuss how the Assembly will approach negotiations with the State. This will include when and how the Assembly meets with government including the Premier, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Parliamentary Secretary for Treaty.

Co-Chairs

10. Interim key performance indicators and measures for Co-Chairs

Members to discuss interim key performance indicators and reporting measures for the Co-Chairs of the Assembly.

Chair of Co-Chairs
conditions and
benefits committee

11. Other business

Chair

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