



SELF-DETERMINATION FUND

To benefit all First Peoples in Victoria throughout the Treaty negotiation process and beyond

The Assembly is negotiating the establishment of a First Peoples controlled and managed Self-Determination Fund.

The Assembly will be responsible for managing and administering the Self-Determination Fund. This means that First Peoples are making decisions about First Peoples' financial resources.

The Self-Determination Fund will be administered for the benefit of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Victoria now and into the future.

What will the Self-Determination Fund do?

The Self-Determination Fund will have two main purposes.



Funding the resources that First Peoples need to negotiate Treaties on a level playing field with the Victorian Government, recognising the financial resources and power imbalance between First Peoples and the Government. This will help ensure that First Peoples are resourced adequately to prepare for and engage in Treaty negotiations.



Funding for First Peoples to drive our own priorities and aspirations, and freely determine how to build capacity, wealth, and prosperity for current and future generations.

The Assembly and the Victorian Government may also agree any additional purposes for the Self-Determination Fund.



How will the Self-Determination Fund operate?

The design of the Self-Determination Fund—including how the Fund will be resourced and how money in the Fund will be invested and distributed to First Peoples in Victoria—will be guided by:

- Our right as First Peoples of Victoria to economic self-determination and to maintain and strengthen our own distinct economic institutions, as set out in the Universal Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- The principles of:
 - Self-determination and empowerment
 - Fairness and equality
 - Partnership and good faith
 - Mutual benefit and sustainability, and
 - Transparency and accountability.

Have your say

All of the Assembly's work to establish the foundations for future Treaty negotiations are informed by the views of Community. The Assembly wants to hear from you. We will continue to consult with Community as we develop the Self-Determination Fund.