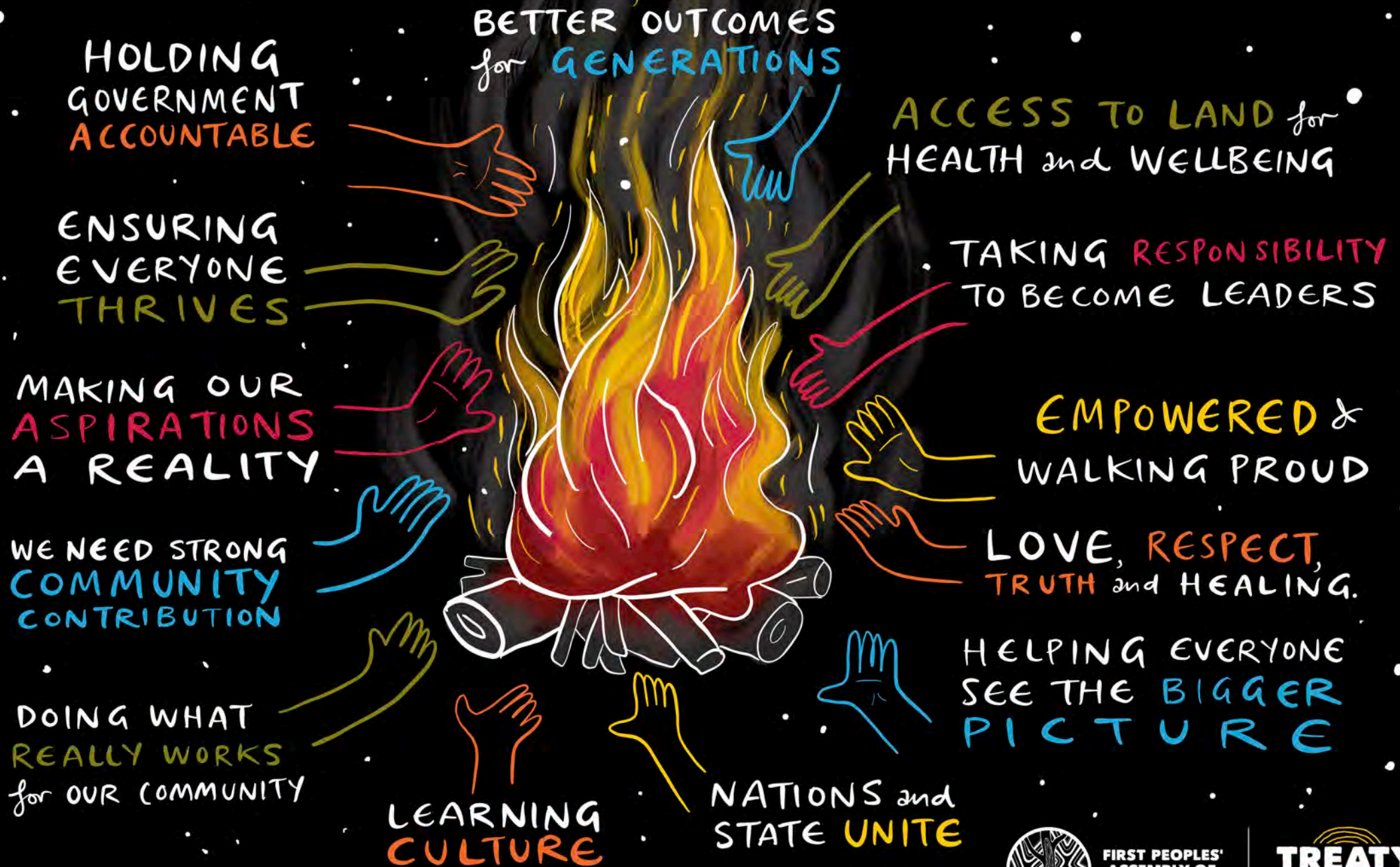


STATEWIDE TREATY GATHERING



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FIRST PEOPLES' ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA



THE OPPORTUNITIES OF TREATY A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

KEYNOTE with AUNTY DR JILL GALLAGHER AO



FIERCE
RESISTANCE +
STRENGTH

OUR ELDERS CONTINUE
TO PAVE THE WAY

65,000+ YEARS of
COURAGE
LEADERSHIP
RESILIENCE

MAKING CULTURE
VISIBLE

PRIDE

OUR CULTURE
IS A GIFT
TO WHITE
AUSTRALIA



WE ARE AT A
CRITICAL STAGE

WE NEED **UNITY**
TO FIGHT and SUCCEED

WE'RE AT THE CUSP of
MAKING CHANGE AS
SOVEREIGN PEOPLE

FIGHTING
fear



PROTECTING
WHAT WE HAVE
ACHIEVED

**STAUNCH ACTIVISM
HAS LEAD TO:**

- 1972 TENT EMBASSY
- 1973 VAHS
- 1993 NATIVE TITLE
- 2010 T.O. SETTLEMENT ACT
- 2019 FIRST PEOPLES' ASSEMBLY
of VICTORIA

WHAT CAN TREATY
and TREATIES OFFER?

LAND
TAX

FIGHT PAST
and CURRENT
INJUSTICES

TRANSFER
of POWER

SERVICES

RESOURCES
for LOCAL
LANGUAGE
+ CULTURE

TEACH TRUE
HISTORY

HOUSING
LOANS

AMPLIFY OUR
VOICES

SEATS in
GOVERNMENT

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SOVEREIGNTY NEVER CEDED

GUEST SPEAKER TIM GOODWIN



SOVEREIGNTY NEVER CEDED HIGHLIGHTS THE ILLEGITIMACY OF THE LAND GRAB



WHAT CAN it LOOK LIKE?

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO DETERMINE WHAT THAT MEANS



SOVEREIGNTY is A SPHERE of AUTONOMY

LAW MAKING



SELF-DETERMINATION

USA eg. FEDERAL RECOGNITION



RIGHT of SELF GOVERNMENT



NZ eg. SETTLEMENT PROCESSES for BREECHEES



WHAT DO WE WANT TO PROTECT?



WHAT DO WE WANT TO EMPOWER?



? COULD becoming A REPUBLIC ? HELP? POSSIBLY .



ULURU STATEMENT

A SPIRITUAL CONNECTION TO COUNTRY



TREATY is an EXTENSION of SOVEREIGNTY

SOVEREIGNTY SHARED between STATES and COMMONWEALTH



KING STILL HAS EXECUTIVE POWER

THE LAND OWNS US, WE DON'T OWN THE LAND

CUSTODIANS

KINSHIP working with HONOUR and INTEGRITY in RELATIONSHIPS

WHAT DO WE WANT TO REASSERT?

BRITISH LAW is TRICKY

THE TENSION of WORKING with SETTLER SOVEREIGNTY



A GUIDED TOUR OF THE TREATY NEGOTIATION FRAMEWORK

WHAT IS TREATY?
UPHOLD CULTURAL AUTHORITY

REIMAGINE and RESHAPE SYSTEMS

SECURE POLITICAL POWER

LOCAL TREATIES and A STATE TREATY

A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH GOV



SCOPE for INTERIM AGREEMENTS

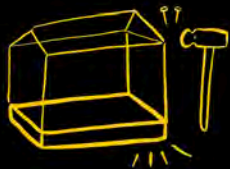
FLEXIBLE TO BRING in ADDITIONAL PARTIES



PRINCIPLES

- FAIRNESS and EQUALITY
- SELF-DETERMINATION
- FAIRNESS + EQUALITY
- PARTNERSHIP and GOOD FAITH
- MUTUAL BENEFIT and SUSTAINABILITY
- TRANSPARENCY and ACCOUNTABILITY

UNDERPINNED by:
ABORIGINAL LAW, LORE and CULTURAL AUTHORITY



THE FOUNDATIONS to the TREATY ACT

TREATY NEGOTIATION FRAMEWORK



THE GROUND RULES

NEGOTIATION PROTOCOLS

- WHERE + HOW
- ROLES + RESPONSIBILITIES
- TOPICS to NEGOTIATE
- TIMELINES for NEGOTIATION

MINIMUM STANDARDS

- LAND + WATERS
- COMMUNITY
- LEADERSHIP
- INCLUSIVITY

flexible

SELF-DETERMINE: COLLECTIVE SUPPORT and FINALISE an AGREEMENT

TREATY AUTHORITY



INDEPENDENT UMPIRE



MANAGE PUBLIC DATABASE



OVERSEE TREATY NEGOTIATIONS



RESOLVE DISPUTES



CARRY OUT RESEARCH



ADMINISTER FRAMEWORK

SELF-DETERMINATION FUND



FUNDS TO BUILD ECONOMIC CAPACITY



SUPPORT MOB TO PREPARE for AND NEGOTIATE TREATIES



FIRST PEOPLES' ASSEMBLY OF VICTORIA

EMPOWER MOB TO BUILD CAPACITY WEALTH and PROSPERITY for CURRENT and FUTURE GENERATIONS



MOB ORGANISING MOB TRADITIONAL OWNER TREATIES



PRINCIPLES

- FAIRNESS and EQUALITY
- SELF-DETERMINATION
- PARTNERSHIP and GOOD FAITH
- MUTUAL BENEFIT and SUSTAINABILITY
- TRANSPARENCY and ACCOUNTABILITY



NOTHING is OFF THE TABLE

- ADDITIONAL PARTIES CAN JOIN NEGOTIATIONS
- INTERIM AGREEMENTS
- CAN PAUSE or END AGREEMENTS

HOW TO START a T.O. TREATY NEGOTIATION?

1. MEET MINIMUM STANDARDS
2. NEGOTIATIONS DATABASE
3. DELEGATION FORMED
4. ENTERED into DATABASE
5. INVITATION to NEGOTIATE

- LAND + WATERS
- COMMUNITY
- LEADERSHIP
- INCLUSIVITY



ACCOUNTABILITY

CONCERNS? COME TALK TO ASSEMBLY



THE POWER OF THE VICTORIAN ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY CONTROLLED SECTOR

SHAPING THE FUTURE of THE FIRST PEOPLES' ASSEMBLY

ELEVATE OUR VOICES

WE COMMIT TO

-  LISTEN
-  STRENGTHEN
-  HOLD SESSIONS
-  DRAW ON ACCO KNOWLEDGE
-  TO HELP ADVISE
-  KEEP VIC GOV ACCOUNTABLE
-  ASSIST in MAKING DECISIONS

FUNDING + BUSINESS

JUSTICE, HEALTH, HOUSING, CHILD PROTECTION, EDUCATION, ARTS, WELLBEING and EMPLOYMENT

LAND, WATER, CULTURE + LANGUAGE

ADVICE + ACCOUNTABILITY

RECOMMENDATIONS + YOORROOK

COMMITTEE WORKSTREAMS

1. FUTURE ASSEMBLY & TRANSFORMED RELATIONSHIP
2. ACCOUNTABILITY
3. STRENGTHENING CULTURE, COMMUNITIES and FAMILIES
4. INHERENT RIGHTS
5. ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

TRANSFORMATION AFTER TREATY

-  PLURALITY of LAW
-  PLACE BASED RESPONSES
-  PROPER INFRASTRUCTURE and SELF-DIRECTED FUNDING
-  GROW COMMUNITY CAPACITY



THRIVING COMMUNITY CONNECTION & CULTURE



TAX CORPORATES WHO PROFIT OFF of OUR LAND



STRENGTHEN COOPS



EXPERIENCES OF TREATY FROM AROUND THE WORLD

PRESENTATION by JUSTICE SIR JOE WILLIAMS



THE GIFT of LEGITIMACY is OUR POWER

MEETING of THE LIVING and the DEAD

"TREATY of WAITANGI" WAS NEVER ENFORCED



TREATY NULLIUS

HARD MOB ISSUES



IT'S A WILD RIDE

ARGH

WE ARE STATES PEOPLE with RESPONSIBILITY



REMEMBER YOUR MOUTH and YOUR HAND



HOLD THE ISLAND IN YOUR MIND



HOW TO AVOID COMPETITION?

KINSHIP



TRUTH and LOVE

HUMILITY matters

WE NEED A SPIRIT of GENEROSITY

COMMUNITY = RESILIENCE



I AM THE RIVER AND THE RIVER IS ME

WE MIGHT OUTGROW WHAT we SET NOW

THINGS EVOLVE

IF YOU'RE NOT MAKING MISTAKES YOU MIGHT NOT BE PUSHING ENOUGH

READING LAND and STARS



HOLD ONTO THE VISION KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING

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HEALING, TRUTH & TREATY WITH THE YOORROOK JUSTICE COMMISSIONER

TELLING the **FULL STORY**

CONTINUING the

RECLAIMING LANGUAGE

TRUE HISTORY

THE TRUE IMPACT of LAND INJUSTICE

THE GOV RESPONSE to YOORROOK HAS LET US DOWN

TRUST IS ESSENTIAL

YOORROOK and FIRST PEOPLES' ASSEMBLY of VICTORIA

CHAMPION and ADVOCATE

HOLDING GOV+ COUNCILS TO ACCOUNT

HOW TO ENSURE RECOMMENDATIONS CARRY FORWARD?

DEVELOPING A WEBSITE for MOB to USE

WE NEED an ONGOING LEGACY BODY,

AND TESTEMONIES and EVIDENCE

THE ABILITY TO DEFEND

SUPPORTING SOCIAL + EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

REMOVING GENOCIDAL MONUMENTS

LAND

WATER

SKY

OPPORTUNITY for LAND ACCESS

RESILIENCE

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TOWARDS TREATY, ASSEMBLY PLANS, PRIORITIES & NEXT STEPS

| | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| COMMUNITY HOLDS the POWER | |
| EXCLUSIVE A TREATY for SOME | INCLUSIVE A TREATY for THE GENERATIONS |
| BROKEN PROMICES | A TREATY BY NAME ONLY |
| STATE HOLDS the POWER | |

THIS PROCESS and AGREEMENTS ARE ONGOING and EMERGENT

SPREAD the WORD

GET INVOLVED

NEXT STEPS

TOGETHER WE are the **AUTHORS** of OUR FUTURE

EXISTING BEYOND STATE FRAMEWORKS

PRIORITIES

TRANSFERRING STRUCTURAL POWER from GOV TO COMMUNITY

USING POWER TO DESIGN HIGH IMPACT OUTCOMES for MOB

REGIONAL GATHERINGS

COMMUNITY INPUT

ELDER + YOUTH VOICE

YOOROOK RECOMMENDATIONS

SURVEY INSIGHTS

POLITICAL STRENGTHENING TO PROTECT US from GOV CHANGE

GETTING SUPPORT of NON-MOB



IN CONVERSATION WITH THE TREATY AUTHORITY MEMBERS

WEAVING OUR LAW and CULTURAL LORE and STATE LAW



PARTNERSHIP, GOOD FAITH & COLLABORATION

OUR VALUES

- FAIRNESS
- RESPONSIBILITY
- HONOUR
- CONNECTION

OUR ROLE

- INDEPENDENT from the STATE
- FAIR + EQUITABLE
- HELP INTERPRET THE RULE BOOK
- HELP RESOLVE DISPUTES
- CONSENSUS BUILDING
- RESEARCH + EVALUATION

CURRENT PRIORITIES

- CULTURALLY STRONG and SKILLED ORG
- TREATY-READY
- ROBUST RESEARCH and EVALUATION FRAMEWORK
- STAKEHOLDERS are INFORMED and ENGAGED in TREATY
- OPERATIONS and FUNCTIONS SET UP

CHALLENGES

- RELATIONSHIP HEALING + BUILDING
- 2026 TIME PRESSURE
- HOW to GET it RIGHT and FAST
- COMPLEXITY
- ACTUALLY GETTING the OUTCOMES WE NEED

NARRATIVE CHANGE LEADS to MINDSET CHANGE

ENCOURAGING PEOPLE to DREAM BIG

WE ARE UMPIRES or FACILITATORS



CAN YOU APPEAL AUTHORITY DECISIONS?

YES

LEVELLING the PLAYING FIELD

STRONG COMMUNITY CONNECTION

DO WE LIKE THIS TERM?

FIGHTING for WHAT we KNOW is RIGHT!

WHAT MECHANISMS DO WE NEED TO HOLD GOV ACCOUNTABLE?

How do we ENSURE POLICY isn't MISS-INTERPRETED?

WE ARE THE OLDEST REIGNING SOVEREIGN

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STRENGTH IN UNITY, POWER IN DIVERSITY WITH GUEST SPEAKER TONY MCAVOY SC



the ADANI MINE is on my MOB's COUNTRY

SPLIT OUR COMMUNITY

AGILITY

VIC is ON an EXEMPLERY TREATY PATH THANKS TO THE ASSEMBLY

WE MUST HAVE A CLEAR VISION

SUCCESS NEEDS

MY VISION

- ♥ FEELING SAFE and PROTECTED on COUNTRY
- 💰 ECONOMICALLY SELF-SUFFICIENT
- ✋ REPARATIONS
- 👉 SELF-GOVERNANCE
- 👤 LIVING CULTURE and LANGUAGE



NT ABANDONED their TREATY due to LACK of SUPPORT

POLITICIANS MAKE BOLD COMMITMENTS



COLONIAL GOV is TERRIBLE at SHARING POWER



FOCUS on THE GREATER GOOD



WE AREN'T GOING ANYWHERE



BUT... BUREAUCRATS STRUGGLE with CHANGE

TRUTH TELLING IS A NECESSITY

PRINCIPLES



LAND + WATER are CENTRAL



COME TOGETHER STRENGTH in NUMBERS ENVIRO + UNIONS and ALLYS



1 FULL VIC COMMITMENT of STATE LEADERS



2 INDEPENDENT 3rd PARTY is ESSENTIAL



3 INTENT + FUNDS

4 REPRESENTING all COMMUNITY



5 STRONG GOVERNANCE + CAPACITY BUILDING



THIS YEAR, THE ELECTED ASSEMBLY MEMBERS WILL SIT DOWN WITH THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT TO START NEGOTIATING A STATEWIDE TREATY

DECISIONS ABOUT ABORIGINAL PEOPLE SHOULD be MADE BY ABORIGINAL PEOPLE

WE'RE STILL YARNING with MOB ACROSS THE STATE TO GET IDEAS and FEEDBACK, but OUR FOCUS is SHARPENING UP.

PROVIDE COMMUNITIES WITH THE POWER TO DEVELOP and DELIVER PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS at a LOCAL LEVEL

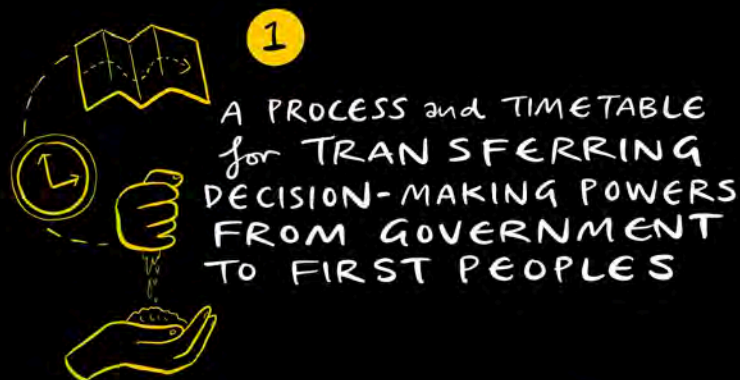
RUEBEN BERG



NGARRA MURRAY



THE EARLY TALKS WITH GOVERNMENT WILL LIKELY FOCUS ON:



HOW KEY RECOMMENDATIONS from THE YOORROOK JUSTICE COMMISSION'S TRUTH-TELLING PROCESS SHOULD be IMPLEMENTED



EXPANDING the ASSEMBLY'S ROLES and RESPONSIBILITIES so IT CAN ALSO PROVIDE ADVICE to GOVERNMENT and ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY (in ADDITION to DECISION-MAKING POWERS)



WAYS to PROPERLY RESPECT and CELEBRATE FIRST PEOPLES' CULTURE and LANGUAGES

