

# Statement

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## **TREATY MAKES SENSE – IT GIVES PEOPLE A SAY IN THEIR LIVES**

All families are better off when they have responsibility over their lives, their future and the things that affect them.

Aboriginal families are no different.

Treaty makes sense because it gives Aboriginal people a say in how their services are run. It's that simple.

Our first Treaty sets clear rules to achieve real, practical change over time.

It doesn't take anything away from anyone – it's about improving people's lives and the services they use.

Today, we introduce the Statewide Treaty Bill into the Victorian Parliament.

Generations of advocacy by First Peoples has led to this important moment. We recognise it.

They have an unbroken relationship with the land where we live. We acknowledge it.

They nurtured the oldest living cultures on earth. We're proud of it.

I thank the First People's Assembly of Victoria for the trust they have shown in undertaking this journey with us.

I acknowledge the Treaty Authority and its members for their role in ensuring a fair negotiation.

And I acknowledge the work of the Yoorrook Justice Commission who have faithfully recorded the truth.

Finally, I thank the Victorian people for coming with us on this journey, which continues still.

The first Treaty in Australia's history will be in your name, too – and it will benefit us all.