

Media Release

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TREATY LEGISLATION PASSES PARLIAMENT

Victoria has made history as the first state or territory in Australia to negotiate a Treaty with First Peoples, following the passage of the Statewide Treaty Bill through Parliament today.

This landmark legislation paves the way for a new relationship between First Peoples and the Victorian Government - one built on respect, trust, and integrity.

The Statewide Treaty Bill will be signed by the Victorian Government and First Peoples' Assembly in coming weeks when the Governor provides Royal Assent to the Bill.

The Treaty Agreement will commence through a ceremonial exchange between the Victorian Government and First Peoples' Assembly in a public event at Federation Square on Friday, 12 December 2025.

Treaty is a chance for all Victorians to move forward together.

Families are better off when they have responsibility over their lives and Aboriginal families are no different.

Treaty is a pathway to acknowledging the past and making real, practical changes to achieve better outcomes for First Peoples in Victoria and close the gap.

In Victoria, we have been on a long and steady path to Truth and Treaty for nearly a decade. We have passed legislation twice, developed policies, and made commitments across the government.

The Liberals have once again turned their backs on Aboriginal Victorians. Their opposition to Treaty is a clear signal: they're willing to cut services that matter most.

Quotes attributable to Premier Jacinta Allan

"Treaty gives Aboriginal communities the power to shape the policies and services that affect their lives."

"This is how we build a fairer, stronger Victoria for everyone."

Quotes attributable to Minister for Treaty and First Peoples Natalie Hutchins

"Treaty is about acknowledging the truth of our past and working on a future build on mutual understanding and respect for First Peoples."

"This is a historic moment for Victoria – today we've taken a major step forward in building a future that empowers and respects First Nations Victorians."