

# 2017-18 Budget Estimates Hearing

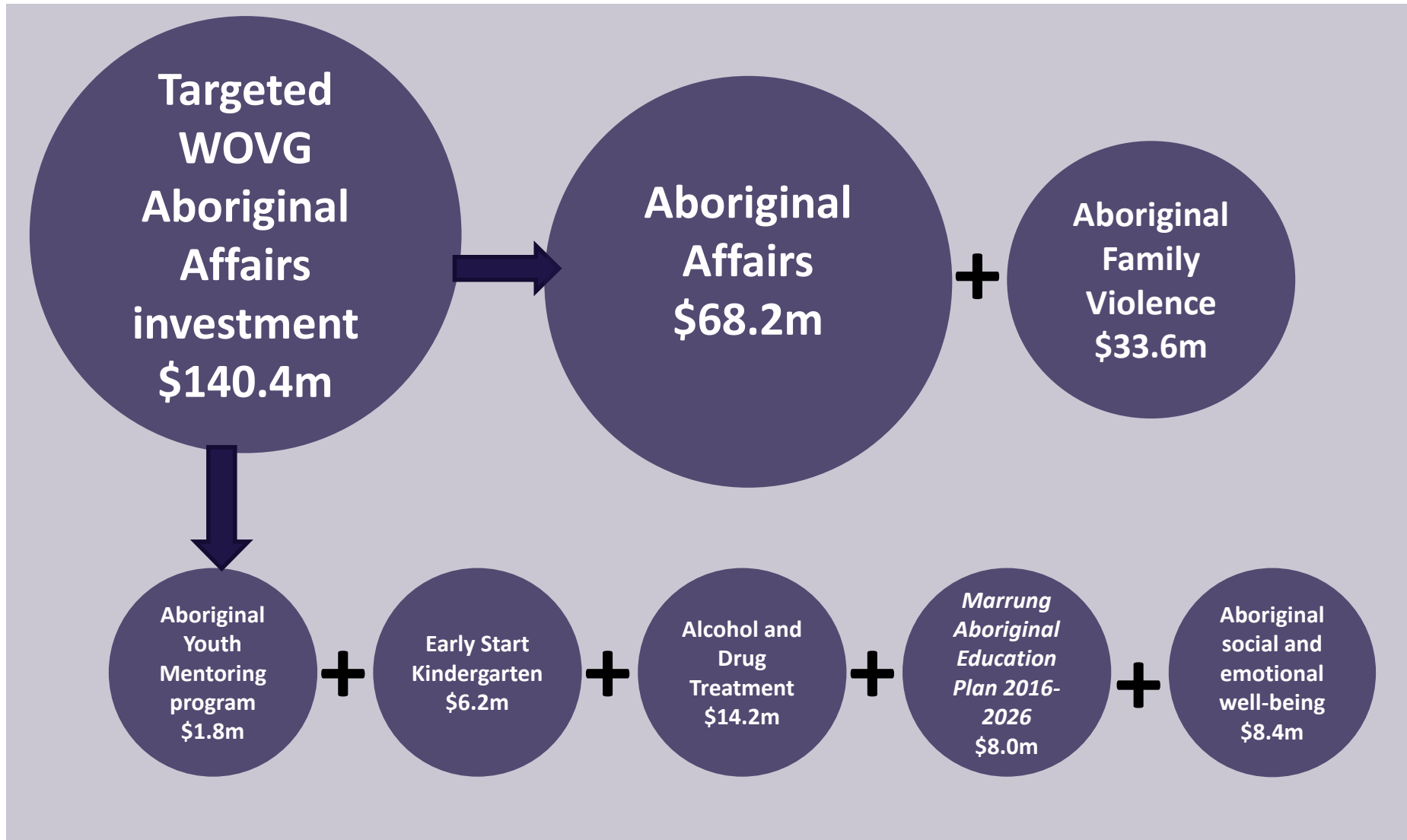
Public Accounts and Estimates Hearing

**The Hon Natalie Hutchins MP**

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

Friday 2 June 2017

# WOVG Aboriginal Affairs & 2017-18 State Budget



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treaty happen?

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<https://engage.vic.gov.au/aboriginal-representative-body>

Don't miss this historic  
opportunity to change  
things for the better

CLOSING DATE:  
13 APRIL 2017

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This is an opportunity. It will  
better our lives. Someone  
has finally asked us  
what we want.

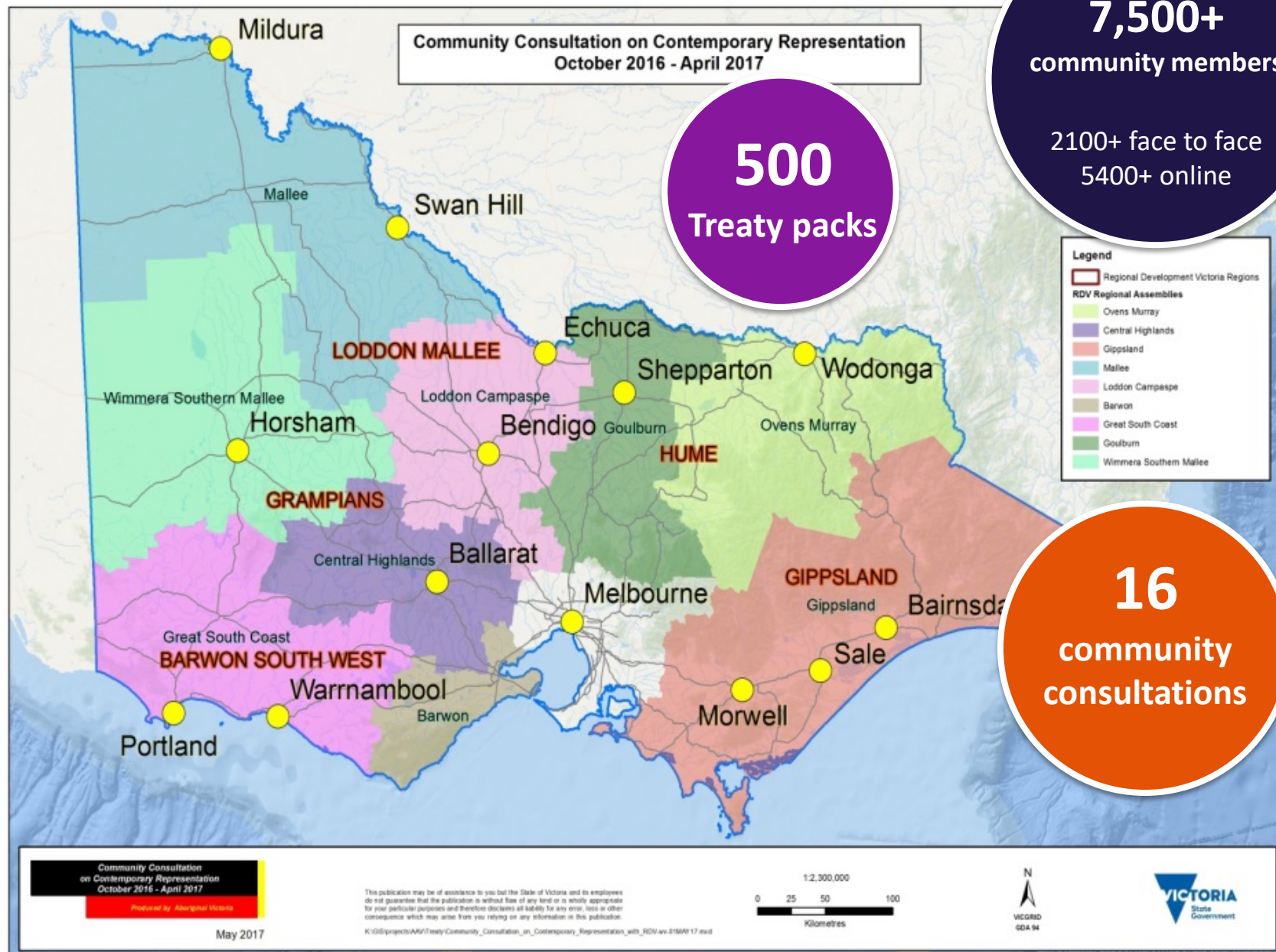
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Uncle Des Morgan  
Yorta Yorta Elder

Echuca Community Consultation



# Self Determination and Treaty





# Self Determination and Community Infrastructure

The 2017-18 Victorian Budget will invest \$21.8m over four years in community infrastructure to support self-determination. This supports two key programs:

**A Community Infrastructure Project Fund to support larger grants for significant infrastructure projects.**

This aims to strengthen the economic capacity and sustainability of Aboriginal organisations to move towards greater self-determination by leveraging their assets to build business ventures and generate greater prosperity.

Support will also be delivered for business case development.

**The Removal of First Mortgages over Aboriginal owned properties, including repairs and maintenance.**

**25 eligible Aboriginal Organisations**



**Own a total of 53 properties subject to a First Mortgage**

# Victorian Aboriginal Economic Development

## Aboriginal Business Development and Procurement:

- *Tharamba Bugheen: Victorian Aboriginal Business Strategy 2017-2021* released in March 2017 (progress to be overseen by the Board).
- One per cent government procurement target from Aboriginal businesses announced in March 2017.

## The Victorian Aboriginal Economic Board:

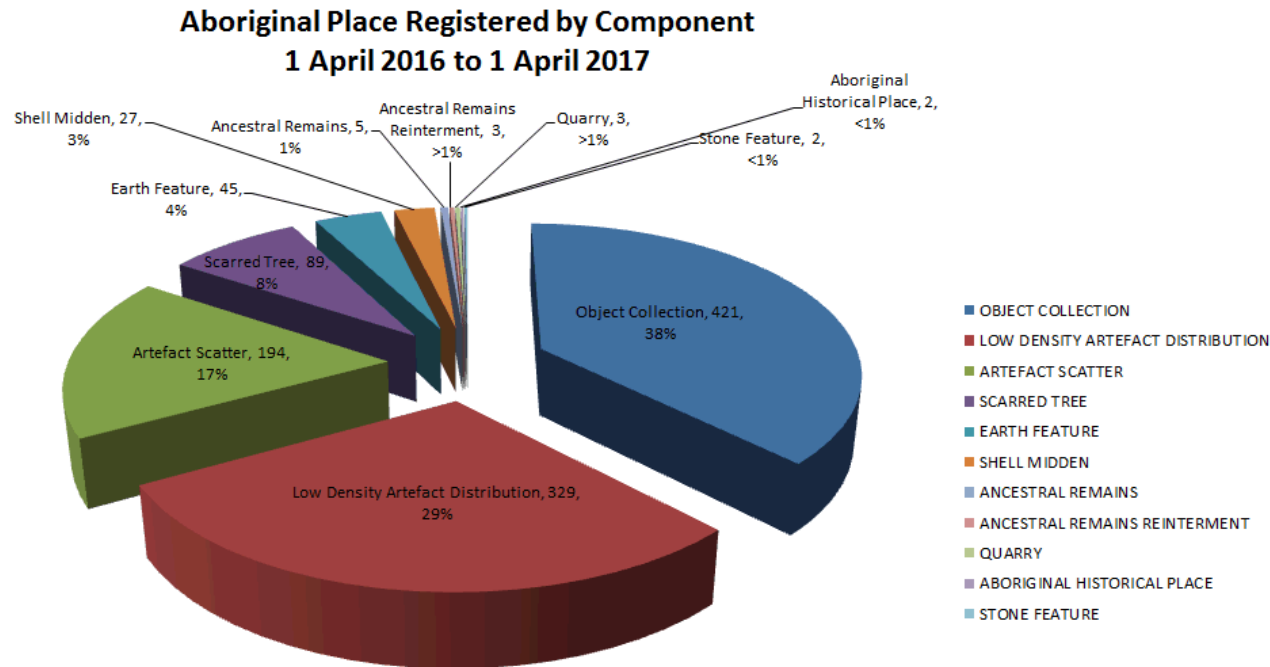
- Established in 2016 and pursuing an ambitious work program against three key priorities:
  - place-based approaches
  - Aboriginal procurement
  - innovation and entrepreneurship.
- Held its first public event in March 2017, the Geelong Employer Forum, where nine local employers signed the Geelong Aboriginal Employment Agreement to improve Aboriginal employment outcomes.

## Aboriginal Public Sector Employment:

- The Victorian Public Service is only 57 more Aboriginal employees away from meeting its 1.0 per cent employment target.

# Cultural Heritage

**A total of 1120  
Aboriginal Places  
have been added to  
the Aboriginal  
Heritage Register  
between 1 April  
2016 to 1 April 2017**



**Aboriginal Victoria and  
Registered Aboriginal  
Parties have approved  
417 Cultural Heritage  
Management Plans in  
the Financial Year to 31  
March 2017 (estimated  
to be 600 for the year).  
This is an increase of  
50% on previous years.**

