



2026-27 Public Accounts and Estimates

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Premier
and Cabinet

Towards Truth and Treaty

The 2026-27 State Budget continues to invest in First Peoples' self-determination and support

First Peoples Portfolio includes:

- **\$5.7 million** to protect Aboriginal cultural heritage
- **\$7.6 million** to provide essential services at Framlingham and Lake Tyers Aboriginal trusts
- **\$6.0 million** to support

response to the Yoorrook Justice Commission recommendations



Supporting Victoria's Aboriginal Cultural Heritage System

Ensure that Victoria's Aboriginal cultural heritage management system provides strong protections for Aboriginal cultural heritage

- Promote protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage consistent with the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006
- Provides strong protections for Aboriginal cultural heritage and decision-making for Traditional Owners, while ensuring land users and developers have clear processes to follow
- Strengthening regulatory functions and improving the efficiency of cultural heritage processes
- Proactive identification and protection of Victoria's Aboriginal cultural heritage including management of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Registry



Delivering a Victorian Truth and Justice Process

Implementation and coordination of Yoorrook Justice Commission recommendations

- Coordination to commence implementation of recommendations from the Yoorrook Justice Commission's third interim report *Yoorrook for Transformation*.
- Support the Government's commitment to the formal truth telling process.
- Facilitate the whole of Victorian

Government response to the Yoorrook Justice Commission's *Yoorrook for Transformation* report.



Sustainable Funding for Safe and Self-governing Aboriginal Trusts

Support essential services at the Framlingham and Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trusts.

- Support delivery of municipal and essential services.
- Maintain core operations at Framlingham and Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trusts consistent with statutory obligations under the *Aboriginal Lands Act 1970*



Towards Treaty



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Achievements 2025-26

- Reached a negotiated agreement on the first Statewide Treaty with the First Peoples' Assembly in September 2025.
- Passage of the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025 (Vic)* (Statewide Treaty Act)
- On 9 December 2025, the Premier Jacinta Allan delivered a formal apology to First Peoples in the Victorian Parliament.
- Statewide treaty commenced on 12 December 2025.