



2007 PAEC Hearing

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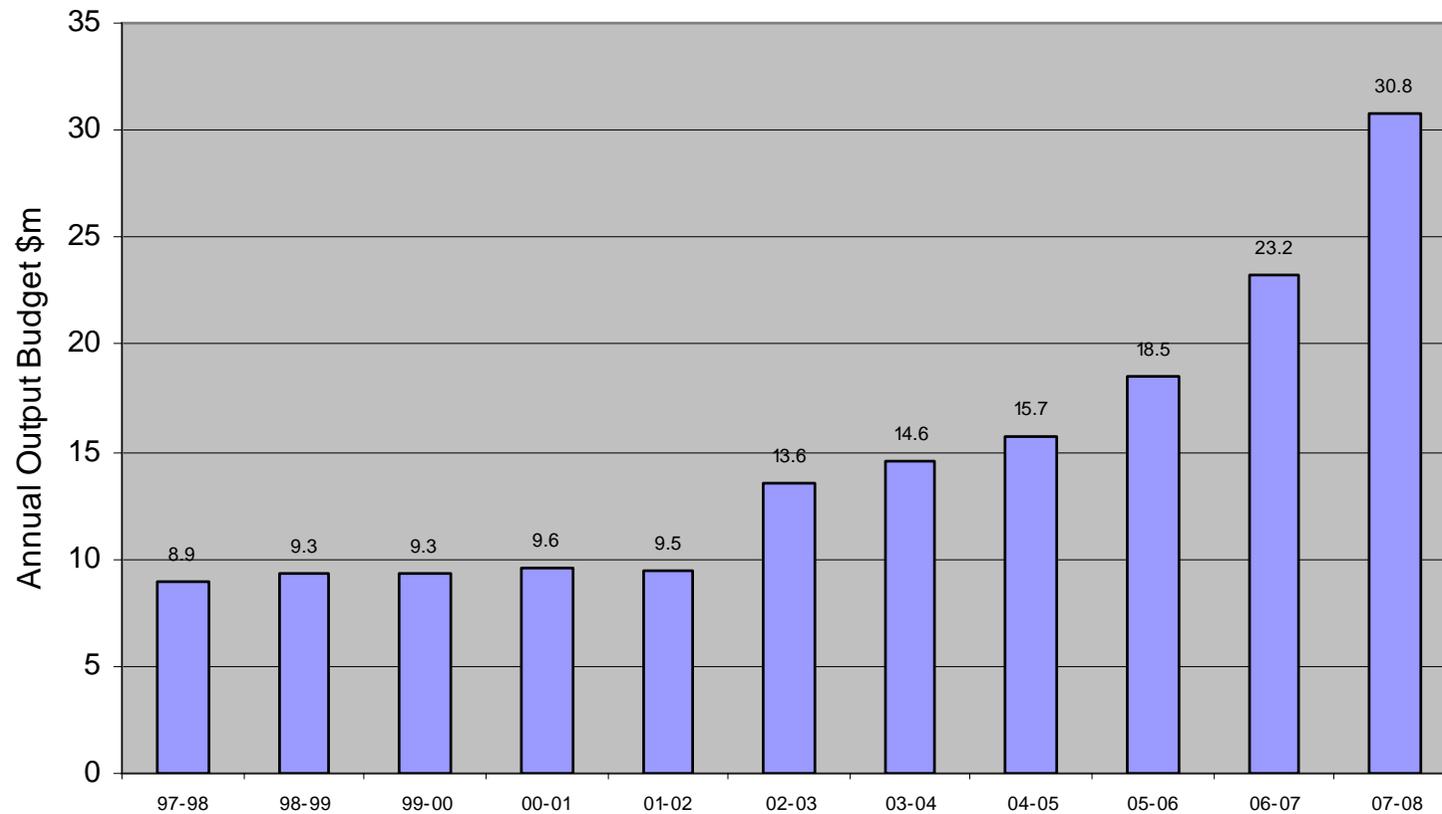
Strategic Directions in Aboriginal Affairs

The Government is committed to ending a situation in which Indigenous citizens die on average 20 years younger than other Victorian citizens and experience a greater concentration of hardship and trauma over the course of their lives.

The Government will work in partnership with Aboriginal leaders to implement the Victorian Indigenous Affairs Framework – a sustained long-term whole-of-government attack on Indigenous disadvantage.



AAV Annual Budget 1997-98 to 2007-08



* Increase in 2007-08 is due to: changes in accounting; \$4.0m carryover; full year funding of 2006-07 initiatives and transfer of the Koori Business Network



Focus for 2007-2008

- **Improving the lives of young Indigenous Victorians**

- \$11.5m over 4 years to:

- Provide free early childhood education for Indigenous 3 year olds
- Expand the capacity of the Koori Early Childhood Education Program
- Provide schooling preparation support to Indigenous parents
- Undertake the Victorian Indigenous Childhood Health and Wellbeing Survey

- **Building the capacity of Indigenous Victorians**

- \$5.1m over 4 years to continue to support:

- Governance Training Program
- Shepparton COAG Trial
- Streamlining administrative arrangements.
- Victorian Indigenous Youth Advisory Council (VIYAC)
- Lake Tyers



Achievements in 2006-07

- ***Improving the lives of Indigenous Victorians (VIAF)***
 - Revised Victorian Indigenous Affairs Framework released in October 2006
- **Governance Training Program**
 - 6 three-day workshops held with 137 participants.
 - 2 Certificate IV in Business (Governance) conducted with 43 participants.
- ***Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006***
 - Established Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council in October 2006.
 - Exposure draft of Aboriginal Heritage Regulations and Regulatory impact statement released
 - Act takes effect on 28 May 2007
- **Community engagement and representation**
 - 5 Local Indigenous Networks to be established by the end of June 2007 in Loddon Mallee, Gippsland, Grampians and Barwon South West Regions
- **Aboriginal Land and Economic Development Program**
 - 2nd year is exploring economic development opportunities along the Murray River
- **Infrastructure audit**
 - All urgent works and occupational health and safety works have been completed

