



# **2008 PAEC Hearing**

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# An effective framework to improve outcomes

An effective governance structure has been established:

- Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs
- Secretaries Group for Aboriginal Affairs
- *Victorian Indigenous Affairs Framework* – a long-term strategy to overcome Indigenous disadvantage

The Government is committed to ending a situation in which Indigenous citizens die on average 17 years earlier and experience greater hardship and trauma

The Government is working in partnership with Aboriginal communities and the Australian Government to achieve improvements and build Indigenous community capability

# Victorian Indigenous Affairs Framework

## Strategic Areas for Action

- Improve maternal health and early childhood health and development
- Improve literacy and numeracy
- Improve year 12 completion or equivalent qualification and develop pathways to employment
- Prevent family violence and improve justice outcomes
- Build Indigenous capacity
- Improve economic development, settle native title claims and address land access issues

# Achievements in 2007-08

- *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* – the first full year of the Aboriginal Heritage Council operations, 4 Registered Aboriginal Parties appointed
- Aboriginal Land and Economic Development Program – 17 enterprises funded.
- Community engagement and representation – 16 LINs established by June 08 in addition to 8 last year
- Governance Training Program - 5 workshops with 111 participants, 2 Certificate IV courses with 30 participants and a Graduate Diploma with 15 participants

# Focus for 2008-2009

- Complete the roll-out of the Local Indigenous Networks by establishing another 14
- Consolidate implementation of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act*, review the regulations and develop the Aboriginal Heritage Information System to streamline planning processes (\$4.419m allocated over 4 years). The time to prepare plans will be reduced by 15 days
- Develop the Indigenous Economic Participation Strategy to set directions for the Aboriginal Land and Economic Development Program for 2009-10 and beyond
- Continue to provide governance training to Indigenous organisations
- Develop the Indigenous Leadership and Capacity Building Strategy and maintain high priority leadership projects in 2008-09 (\$400,000 allocated)