



## Together for Treaty

# Taking Action for Treaty | Supporter Guide

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## Treaty update

The first Treaty with First Nations people on this continent has passed Victorian Parliament. **Decades of leadership by First Nations Elders and communities have set the scene for the historic truth-telling and Treaty.** It's the start of a new chapter – but with the Victorian Liberal and National party promising to tear it down in their first 100 days if elected, the fight isn't over.

If thousands of people from all walks of life show loud, proud support for truth and Treaty, Victoria can lead the way for the whole country to follow.

You can take action as an individual, with a community group or in your workplace. This guide contains a set of actions and resources to support and inspire you - but think of it as just a starting point! While some larger in-person activities are planned in Victoria, we're relying on the creativity of people across the country to show your solidarity and spark conversations about Treaty wherever you can.

**[Pledge to take action here.](#) Don't forget to tag @togetherfortreaty on socials and drop us a note at [info@commonthreads.org.au](mailto:info@commonthreads.org.au) to share all your amazing actions!**

If you'd like some more information about why Treaty matters, what's happening in Victoria or resources to educate yourself further, head to the FAQs section below.

## Actions you can take anywhere

### SHOW YOUR SUPPORT LOUD AND PROUD

#### #1) Share a photo on social media

Take a photo of yourself with a message of support for Treaty and post it to your social media channels. You could make a sign with one of the following messages:

- I support truth-telling and Treaty with First Nations people
- Treaty, yeah! Treaty, now!
- Treaty now for a better future

...or print one of our campaign posters (info below) to feature in your selfie!

Share the campaign website with your friends and family so they can learn more and join our mailing list: <https://www.togetherfortreaty.org.au/>

Don't forget to include a personal message in your caption about why Treaty is important to you, along with the hashtags **#TogetherforTreaty**

#### #2) Put up a poster at your home, school or workplace

[Use this short form to request campaign merchandise](#), including posters you can print at home or receive in the mail.

#### #3) Write a letter to the editor

Unfortunately, we are seeing a rise in conservative media coverage spreading fear, misleading information and attacks on First Nations rights. One way we can tip the scales is ensuring grassroots support for Treaty features proudly in our local newspapers and digital media by writing Letters to the Editor. You can write a brief letter in support of the Victorian Treaty process, or sharing why truth-telling and Treaty matters to you in your region.

[Click here for a handy guide to find your local paper and get some letter-writing tips.](#)

## SPARK CONVERSATIONS ABOUT TREATY

### #4 Talk with your friends, colleagues and family

One-on-one conversations are a powerful way to build support for Treaty, truth-telling, and First Nations justice. They allow people to connect through shared values like fairness, respect, and self-determination. These conversations help elevate the narrative of strength, leadership, and aspirations of First Nations peoples.

**Set a conversations goal** - like talking to 5 friends, relatives or colleagues about why you care - and invite them to take action with you!

[Click here for our Conversations Guide to get tips on what makes a great conversation, talking points, and advice for handling tricky questions.](#)

### #5 Host a kitchen table conversation or small event

You can hold a gathering that suits your schedule - to spark conversations with your networks, share knowledge and invite others into action. You could couple these conversations with a morning tea, potluck dinner, crafternoon, or screening a First Nations film or documentary.

[Here's a kitchen table conversations guide with a suggested structure for facilitating meaningful discussions.](#)

## Actions you can take in Victoria

### GET SOME MERCH

From yard signs to tote bags, we want to make sure community support for Treaty is visible everywhere across the state. You can collect them at the following hubs:

- Clothing the Gaps - Sydney Road, Brunswick
- Haus of Dizzy - George Street, Fitzroy
- Trades Hall - Lygon Street, Carlton

- Trades Council - Portland

## ENGAGE YOUR POLITICIANS

Across the state it's still important that politicians hear from their constituents - creating a sense of both celebration and accountability. Take a moment to **email your local MP**, share why Treaty matters to you and what you are doing to build awareness in your community.

The First Peoples Assembly of Victoria are also calling on supporters to **email the new Opposition Leader Jess Wilson**, to share your message of support for Treaty in Victoria.

## Treaty talking points

- **Community knows best:** We're all better off when we are free to set our own course and make decisions for ourselves, our families and our communities. When it comes to First Nation communities, cultures and lands, the experts are of course First Nations people. But too often, successive Governments have forced their own ideas on how First Nations people should lead their own lives. Treaty is about putting First Nations people in the driver's seat and making sure Aboriginal communities always have the ability to come up with and deliver practical solutions at a local level - from healthcare and education, to caring for Country. It's simple: when we listen to the solutions of people most affected, we get better outcomes.
- **Who we can be as a country:** We want a country that values all people, whether they have been here five years, five generations or five thousand generations. But too often, First Nations people have been ignored when we discuss who we are and what sort of country we want to be. Treaties provide a way to acknowledge past injustices, resolve differences, and work out how to create a shared future. Just as New Zealand has embraced Māori culture, we can create a future where we respect and value Aboriginal people and take pride in the oldest living culture in the world.
- **It's time for Treaty:** First Nations peoples have been calling for truth and Treaties for generations. Decades of leadership by Elders and communities have laid the foundations for the historic truth and Treaty process underway in Victoria right now. Victoria is making history; this is an Australia-first, and we have accepted the

invitation to walk with First Peoples on the journey to Treaty. Together, we can build unstoppable momentum for Treaties across the continent.

## Frequently asked questions

### Why is Treaty important?

We're all better off when we are free to set our own course and make decisions for ourselves, our families and our communities. But too often, successive Governments have forced their own ideas on how we, as First Nations people, should lead our own lives. Decisions about our health, our education and our homelands keep being taken away from us. Treaty is about putting First Nations people in the driver's seat so together we can make the decisions that affect our communities, our culture and our Country. We know our communities best - so when we have a say over policies that impact us, they work better for us.

Treaty is also about how we can move together towards unity and a fairer future for everyone. We want a country that values all people, whether they have been here five years, five generations or five thousand generations. But too often, First Nations people have been ignored when we discuss who we are and what sort of country we want to be. Treaties provide a way to acknowledge past injustices, resolve differences, and work out how to create a shared future. Just as New Zealand has embraced Māori culture, we can create a future where we respect and value Aboriginal people and take pride in the oldest living culture in the world.

### Tell me more about the truth-telling and Treaty process happening in Victoria?

Yoorrook truth-telling process: We can only be our best and create a country where everyone can thrive when we listen and acknowledge the truth of our past and present. We must be honest about Australia's ugly history regarding Aboriginal people - including massacres, stolen land, stolen children and violent repression of language and culture - and how this has led to ongoing inequality today. The Yoorrook Justice Commission has led a groundbreaking truth-telling process here in Victoria: listening to the experiences of First Nations people and charting a course forward for action, healing and justice. Alongside their final report, Yoorrook made 100 recommendations to the Victorian Parliament for change. When we face the truth with open hearts, we can build a better future together.

Statewide Treaty process: The First Peoples' Assembly - an elected body representing First Peoples across Victoria - has negotiated a statewide Treaty with the Victorian government. This Treaty can make sure Aboriginal communities have the freedom and power to set the course and design solutions that work for their mob across a range of areas - like removing unfair barriers to healthcare

and housing, making sure young people can thrive, and making sure all Victorians can learn about and celebrate First Nations cultures. Alongside the statewide process, there is the opportunity for different Traditional Owner groups to negotiate Treaty arrangements around local matters and their priorities for looking after Country. The First Peoples' Assembly invites allies to walk together on the journey to Treaty - [read more here to get your group or workplace involved in the Assembly's Friends of Treaty program](#).

**You can watch, read, listen and learn more about the work underway in Victoria here:**

- [Videos, reports, and submissions](#) on the Yoorrook website
- [ABC feature](#) + [Four Corners episode](#) on the Yoorrook truth-telling process
- [Yarning up podcast episode](#) with former Yoorrook Commissioner Travis Lovett
- [It's a Lot podcast episode](#) with Commissioner Lovett & Abbie Chatfield
- [Victorian statewide Treaty explainer](#) from the First Peoples Assembly

## **Who is leading the Together for Treaty campaign?**

This campaign is coordinated by Common Threads: a new First Nations led organisation that aims to grow and harness the power of emerging First Nations leadership, advocacy and changemaking to win transformative change. We are forging a new pathway to build Indigenous power and drive systemic change that centres the aspirations of our people - for Country, for community and for our rights.

Common Threads was co-founded by Dr Jackie Huggins AO (Bidjara / Birri Gubba Juru), Larissa Baldwin-Roberts (Widjabul Wia-bul / Bundjalung), and Amelia Telford (Bundjalung and South Sea Islander). In 2025, Common Threads officially launched as an independent, non-profit organisation. We are building national campaigns for truth, Treaties, land rights and climate justice - while providing support and resources to grassroots movements across the continent. We honour the leadership, knowledge and vision already held in communities and we work inclusively, backing collective action.

We are working in collaboration with partners and allies across civil society, the union movement and grassroots groups to build the Together for Treaty campaign. We are in close conversation with the First Peoples Assembly of Victoria when it comes to events and mobilisations specifically focussed on building support for the Victorian Treaty process.

## **What are some other ways I can support and share the Together for Treaty campaign?**

- [Join our mailing list](#) to keep up to date with trainings, actions and events.

- Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X](#), [BlueSky](#) and [TikTok](#) to share stories and actions - these channels are brand new and more educational content will be available soon!
- [Make a tax-deductible donation](#) to help cover the cost of trainings, merchandise, advertising and mobilisations.