

Treaty Pledge



Wombat Housing Support Services is proud to acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung, Bunurong, and Wadawurrung peoples as the Traditional Owners of the lands where we work, as well as all Traditional Owners across Victoria. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present and remember that sovereignty was never ceded.

As a housing support service, we acknowledge the disproportionate representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in homelessness services, and the systemic barriers that have led to unsatisfactory outcomes. We believe it is our collective responsibility to foster positive change, and want to play our part in righting the wrongs of the past and be part of creating a better future together.

With profound respect for the sovereignty, culture, and rights of First Peoples, we're pleased to announce that we will walk with the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria on the journey to Treaty. We recognise the importance of self-determination for First Peoples, who are the experts on their own communities, cultures and lands.

The past can't be changed, but we can choose to take steps today that will help heal the ongoing pain caused by the injustices of yesterday. We believe a better tomorrow is possible and Wombat pledges our unwavering support to the First Peoples' Treaty process in Victoria.

To help build support for the shared journey to Treaty, we will:

- Connect our first Nations Staff with the Assembly
- Educate by providing information to staff and facilitate cultural awareness training with staff
- Maintain our renamed office spaces, named with the assistance of the Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation
- Maximise visibility for the Treaty via our social media, email signatures and office windows
- Reference the treaty as part of our acknowledgement of country.
- We will strive for justice, equity, and respect for all, ensuring that the stories and rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are recognised and upheld in our collective journey to Treaty.
- Together, we will create a future where First Peoples' voices are heard, rights are respected, and justice is realised for generations to come.
- By making this pledge, we affirm our commitment to the self-determination of First Peoples in Victoria as they assert their rights, tell their truths, and chart a path towards, and healing through, Treaty-making.

