



The Treaty NEGOTIATION Framework for Victoria

Date: 1 March 2023
Time: 5:00pm – 6:30 pm AEDT
Place: Online and at Court No 1, Federal Court, 305 William Street, Melbourne – this is a free event and a link will be provided prior

The First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria is recognised under the *Advancing the Treaty Process with Aboriginal Victorians Act 2018* (Vic) as the Aboriginal Representative Body that works with the State of Victoria to establish by agreement the elements necessary to support future Treaty negotiations. On 20 October 2022, by an agreement, the First Peoples' Assembly and the State of Victoria established the Treaty Negotiation Framework. The Framework provides for a process for negotiating and formalising a treaty to recognise historic wrongs and address ongoing injustices. It identifies the minimum standards with which a party must comply in order to enter into treaty negotiations. It imposes reporting requirements and provides for a process for resolving disputes together with mechanisms for enforcement.

The Australian Academy of Law is delighted to host this event, chaired by the Hon Pamela Tate AM KC.

The Speakers will be:



The Hon Kenneth Hayne AC KC, a Professorial Fellow at the University of Melbourne and a former Justice of the High Court of Australia. He conducted the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry in 2017-19. He is currently a member of the Constitutional Expert Group advising the Referendum Working Group on constitutional matters relating to the referendum on The Voice.



Karri Walker, a proud Niyiyaparli woman whose family is from the East Pilbara region of Western Australia and who has grown up living on Wurundjeri Country. She is the Senior Lawyer at the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria where she is working on Victoria's treaty process. Prior to this, Karri worked as a commercial lawyer at Arnold Bloch Leibler. She is the recipient of the 2023 John Monash Scholarship, and intends to pursue a Master of Laws at Columbia University.



Rueben Berg, a proud Gunditjmara man and a member of the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria representing the Metropolitan region. He was a founder and director of Indigenous Architecture Victoria. He was a Commissioner for the Victorian Environmental Water Holder and Chair of Westernport Water. In 2012 he was awarded the Fellowship for Indigenous Leadership.

Please join us for light refreshments after the presentations.

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