

# Representation Questions

The basis of these questions is:

- The Representative Body represents all Aboriginal People who live in Victoria and reflects the principle of self-determination.
- The Representative Body is a formal and permanent organisation (whether through legislation or otherwise) that is independent of government and whose primary purpose is to facilitate the authorisation of Treaty/Treaties.
- The role of the Representative Body is to represent, advocate, educate, develop a State-wide Treaty negotiation framework and engage with community and government about Treaty/Treaties.
- Only Traditional Owners can negotiate local Treaties for their country, supported by a State-wide Treaty negotiation framework.
- Voters must be 18 to be eligible to vote.
- The Representative Body is sufficiently resourced and funded to operate as an independent voice for Aboriginal people living in Victoria.

1. Who is eligible to vote? Select any you agree with.

- a) All Aboriginal people who live in Victoria
- b) Aboriginal people who were born in Victoria
- c) Victorian Aboriginal traditional owners
- d) All Aboriginal people
- e) Other – please share your thoughts

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2. Who can stand for election? Select any you agree with.

- a) All Aboriginal people who live in Victoria
- b) Aboriginal people who were born in Victoria
- c) Victorian Aboriginal traditional owners
- d) Other – please share your thoughts

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3. How are candidates nominated? Select any you agree with.

- a) A candidate must self-nominate and be supported by a Victorian Aboriginal organisation
- b) A candidate must be nominated by a recognised Traditional Owner corporation
- c) A candidate must self-nominate and gather 20 eligible voter signatures
- d) Other – please share your thoughts

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4. What should disqualify someone from being a candidate? Select any you agree with.

Anyone who:

- a) Would bring the organisation into disrepute (*see below for definition*)
- b) Has been convicted of a serious indictable offence (*see below for definition*)
- c) Other – please share your thoughts

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*“If elected the candidate cannot also be a public servant, a Member of Parliament or a Member of local Government.*

*Disrepute: Conduct that is illegal or generally immoral in the eyes of the community would be considered conduct that could bring the organisation into disrepute.*

*Indictable offence: Offences that include and are similar to aggravated burglary, sexual assault, drug trafficking offences, murder and manslaughter.*

5. How long should candidate terms be? Please choose one option.

- a) Three year terms
- b) Four year terms
- c) Other - Please share your thoughts

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6. Should candidate terms be fixed or renewable? Please choose one option.

- a) Fixed terms (the candidate can only stand once and cannot stand again)
- b) Renewable terms (the candidate can stand for re-election)
- c) Fixed terms, and cannot stand for consecutive terms (the candidate have to sit one term out before standing again)
- d) Other - Please share your thoughts

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7. What knowledge, skills and experience do you believe it is important for candidates to have? Select any you agree with.

- a) Victorian Aboriginal culture and communities
- b) Aboriginal affairs in Victoria
- c) Leadership and advocacy
- d) Legal/governance
- e) Finance and accounting
- f) Public office experience
- g) Risk and strategy
- h) Government/policy experience
- i) None of the above
- j) Other – please share your thoughts

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8. What voting structure do you want for the Representative Body? Please choose one option.

- a) No boundaries, State-wide vote for the best people for the job regardless of where they live
- b) 3 regions (West, Central and East)
- c) 5 regions (North, East, South, West and Metropolitan)
- d) Other - please share your thoughts on the reverse side of this questionnaire

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Any other comments? Please share your thoughts:

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Please draw your preferred  
**electoral boundaries**

