



Pledge in support of Treaty

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BEAM Mitchell Environment Group Inc is proud to acknowledge the Taungurung and Wurundjeri, Traditional Owners of the lands in and around Mitchell Shire. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present and remember that sovereignty was never ceded.

BEAM's vision is of a thriving community that is locally active for a healthy environment. As an organisation firmly committed to advancing social and environmental justice and equality, we want to play our part in righting the wrongs of the past (including colonisation, displacement and dispossession), contending with the injustices of the present and being part of creating a better future together.

With profound respect for the sovereignty, culture, and rights of First Peoples, we are committed to walk with the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria on the journey to Treaty. We support the development of a strong Treaty "ecosystem" and look forward to other specific Traditional Owner Treaties across Victoria in the coming decade. We recognise the traditional expertise of First Peoples communities, cultures and lands, in particular the care and stewardship of Country.

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, which are often ongoing.

We believe a better tomorrow is possible and BEAM pledges our unwavering support to the First Peoples' Treaty process in Victoria.

To help build support for the shared journey to Treaty and in keeping with the four areas provided by FPAV, we outline our commitments in the following:

Educate:

- We will investigate and promote the use of local languages, including use of dictionaries, other language resources and local place names, in consultation with Traditional Owners.

- We will promote truth telling, particularly about Indigenous history, care for Country and the ongoing impacts of dispossession and exclusion in our region
- We will continue to promote, explain and advocate for the widespread use of Acknowledgements of Country.

Advocate:

- BEAM will develop its profile as a community organisation that is committed to support of Treaty and Indigenous rights, and we will incorporate this advocacy across our workshops, forums, newsletters and our EarthChat podcast.

Activate:

- We commit to an implementation plan for this work, including thoughtful and honest reviews of our progress and consideration of other steps needed.

Collaborate:

- We will continue to develop our strategic priority to “Build an ongoing relationship with Taungurung and Wurundjeri”.
- We will share our plans and seek feedback from TLaWC, Wurundjeri Land Council and other Indigenous people in this region.
- We undertake to understand the priorities of Traditional Owners, through deep listening, and considering how BEAM can support those priorities.

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.

Together, we will create a future where First Peoples’ voices are heard, rights are respected, and justice is realised for generations to come.