



Who we are

About us

The Interim Truth and Treaty Body is committed to continuing Queensland's treaty journey.

We acknowledge the generations of calls from First Nations peoples in Queensland for Treaty and the work of many before us who have been important in getting us to where we are today.

Our vision

We believe it's time to reach Treaties with the sovereign First Nation peoples and recognise the truth of colonisation to create a path towards a stronger Queensland.



**INTERIM TRUTH
AND TREATY BODY**

What we do



We aim to

- Initiate healing by informing and educating all Queenslanders about the full history of our State, and acknowledging the impact of colonisation on First Nations peoples
- Support local truth telling by facilitating Community Yarns and fact-finding activities
- Empower First Nations peoples and Queensland communities to prepare for formal truth telling and treaty negotiations
- Foster respectful and honest relationships between all Queenslanders, to set in motion true reconciliation for our State.

We will work

- As partners with communities
- With integrity, transparency, and accountability
- Independently from Government
- Collectively to make progress together.



*Introduction
of the Path to
Treaty Bill*

End Feb 2023



*Consultation on
design of Institute
and Inquiry*

Feb – April



*Path to Treaty
Bill is passed*

May – Oct



Next steps

How we are getting treaty ready

The Path to Treaty began in 2019. Since then, there have been several key bodies established to progress the Treaty journey. We are taking the time needed to get this right and we want community to help inform the next steps.

Where we are?

We have co-designed legislation with the Queensland Government—the *Path to Treaty Bill 2023*. The Bill will provide the necessary structures required to progress Truth and Treaty in Queensland, including establishment of:

- ➔ A **First Nations Treaty Institute** (Institute) to prepare First Nations communities for treaty negotiations and engage in local truth telling activities.
- ➔ A **Truth Telling and Healing Inquiry** (Inquiry) to lead a formal process into the impacts of colonisation through hearing and recording truth telling stories.

Where to next?

Our next steps will include:

- ➔ Setting up the Institute to support local truth telling and healing, and to create a treaty making framework
- ➔ Engaging with community on the development of the Terms of Reference to set up the Inquiry, to undertake a formal truth telling and healing process
- ➔ Yarning with community members so that all voices are heard and included.



Recruitment
for the Institute



Recruitment
for the Inquiry



Develop the treaty
making framework



Institute and
Inquiry established

➔ **Set-up of the Institute and Inquiry**

End 2023



Community Yarns

Truth, Healing, Treaty

We are yarnying with community about what happens next to help us progress Treaty in Queensland.

What we will be yarnying with you about

Updating you on:

- ➔ Where we are at in the Treaty process, and next steps

Getting your views on:

- ➔ What the Inquiry should deal with, and what it should do
- ➔ Appointing members for the Inquiry
- ➔ Appointment and selection process of members for the First Nations Treaty Institute Council
- ➔ What your community truth telling aspirations are, and how we can support local activities to tell your collective stories.

Why does Queensland need a Treaty?

A treaty or treaties, will empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the Queensland community generally, to come together and negotiate a new way of working, to deliver substantive outcomes for First Nations peoples.

Treaty provides an exciting opportunity to create a unified identity for all Queenslanders—one that recognises and protects the rights of First Nations people, cultures and ways of life.

Why is truth telling and healing an important step on the Treaty journey?

In the 2019 Path to Treaty consultations, Queenslanders said that there can be no treaty without understanding the truth of our State. The truth about our past will help Queenslanders understand how past laws, policies and practices have, and continue to impact First Nations peoples.

Hearing about the truth will be difficult and traumatic for all Queenslanders, which is why truth telling must be combined with a trauma responsive approach to enable ongoing healing.



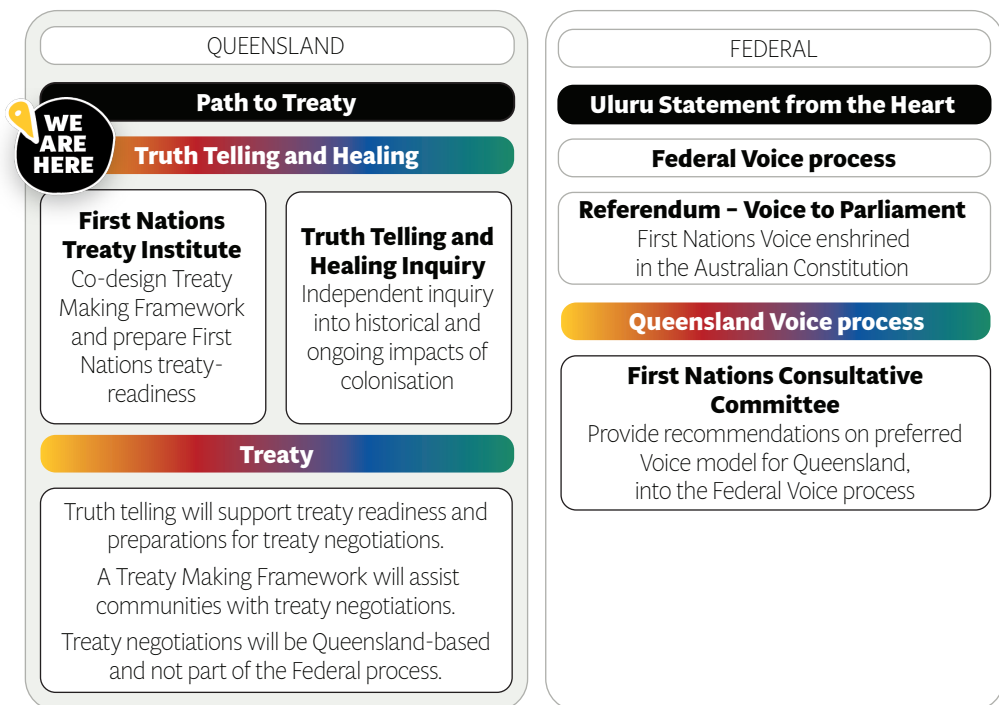
Treaty, It's Time Queensland

Queensland's treaty process and the national conversation about constitutional change

In Queensland, consultation with communities put truth telling front and centre of any treaty making process.

At the national level this year, Queenslanders, along with the rest of Australia will be asked, in a referendum, if they support an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament—the 'Voice' element of the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

It is important that the national conversation continues. This can occur at the same time, and separately, to Queensland's Truth and Treaty process.



Connect with us

Events

We are looking forward to getting out in community, at a location near you, to let you know what's next on the Treaty journey and how you can be involved.

Keep up to date

Visit our website for more information about ITTB or to download a range of resources:

- ➔ What is Treaty?
- ➔ What could a Treaty involve?
- ➔ What is Truth Telling?

Connect with us

You can also follow our social media pages to keep up to date on where we are at in the Treaty process.



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Acknowledgement

*We pay our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples,
to Elders past, present and emerging.*

*First Nations peoples are the Traditional Owners and Custodians
of the lands, waters and seas of Queensland.*

*We recognise and value the ongoing contribution of First Nations
peoples, for their enduring relationship connecting people, Country and
ancestors—an unbreakable bond that safely stewarded and protected
the land, waters and sky for millennia.*

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