

7 February 2023

Department of Premier and Cabinet on behalf of the Aboriginal Advisory Group

Aboriginal Advisory Group Inaugural Meeting

* The Advisory Group to guide the process for truth-telling and treaty held its inaugural meeting on 6 February 2023 in Launceston. The Welcome to Country was provided by respected Elder, Aunty Nola Hooper.
* The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Roger Jaensch MP, attended the opening of the meeting to thank members for their participation in this important process.
* The Group commenced the meeting by noting the unfinished business of historical agreements made between Tasmanian Aboriginal people and Government, and the Group committed to work together with the current Government on an Aboriginal-designed Truth-telling and Treaty process.
* The Group discussed its commitment, role, purpose and membership to develop its terms of reference. The Group considered ways of connecting with Tasmanian Aboriginal people and the wider Tasmanian community. It also considered options for exploring truth-telling and treaty in other jurisdictions and the support that may be required for it to undertake its work.
* The inaugural meeting was facilitated by the Secretary of the Department of Premier and Cabinet, and future meetings will be chaired by Aboriginal Advisory Group members.

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