



# TASMANIAN ABORIGINAL CENTRE

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## A TREATY WITH THE ABORIGINAL PEOPLE OF TASMANIA

South Australia and Victoria are talking treaty with Aboriginals there. Victoria has a Bill before the parliament called *Advancing the Treaty Process with Aboriginal Victorians Bill 2018*. Federal Labour Party leader Bill Shorten has said he is up for talks with Aboriginals about a national treaty.

If there were to be a treaty in Tasmania, what would it deliver?

Michael Mansell has said a treaty should:

- Return all crown lands to Aboriginal people;
- Guarantee an amount of money each year for maintaining those lands, most likely \$10m;
- Establish seats in the Tasmanian parliament for Aboriginal elected politicians;
- One Senator in the Federal parliament elected by Aboriginal people;
- Ownership of forests, minerals and other natural resources;
- Powers of local government on Cape Barren, mutton bird islands and crown lands dealing with land use planning, land use and resource ownership;
- Meaningful and enforceable rights to approve education of children;

### What do you think?

We should get on the front foot in deciding whether we want a treaty and if so, what should be in it in case a government, federal or state, agrees to a treaty.

Come and have your say, listen and be a part of the discussion.

### Aboriginal community meeting

Elders Council Launceston

Friday, 1 June 2018, 10:30am – 4:00pm

Please contact your local TAC for any queries. Lunch and transport are provided – 1800 132 260.

**Petition to Her Majesty Queen Victoria, 17 February 1846**

“...we were not taken Prisoners but freely gave up our Country to Colonel Arthur then the Governor after defending ourselves.

Your Petitioners humbly state to Your Majesty that Mr. Robinson made for us & with Col. Arthur an agreement which we have not lost from our minds since & we have made our part of it good.

Your Petitioners humbly tell Y.M. that when we left our own place we were plenty of People, we are now but a little one.

Sgd. Walter G. Arthur, Chief of the Ben Lomond Tribes, King Alexander, John Allan, Augustus, Davey Bruney, King Tippoo, Neptune, Washington”.