



COMMUNIQUE

BOARD MEETING NO 2019-2
HELD ON 14 JUNE 2019

On 14 June 2019, the Board met and the following items were discussed:

CORPORATE MATTERS:

1. **Report from the CEO highlighted recent significant milestones including but not limited to:**
 - The launch of the Cultural Fire Strategy
 - The National Native Title Conference, highlighting that the partnership between the National Native Title Council and Federation had worked well and brought together over 400 people.
 - The United Nations Permanent Forum (UNPFII) and key outputs from the trip include the better understanding and ability to develop research reports to support treaty in Victoria and the subsequent British Columbia Treaty Commission visit and advice to Traditional Owners and presentation at the conference.
 - The state budget announcements of \$100m for Aboriginal Victorians, \$30m for treaty readiness including \$13.6m focusing on Traditional Owners.
2. **Finance Report:**
 - The Board noted the finance report. There is no risk as to the Federation becoming insolvent.
3. **Reconciliation Action Plan:**
 - A joint meeting of Directors from First Nations Legal and Research Services and the Federation was held and the draft Reconciliation Action Plan was confirmed as a collaborative project to progress between the two organisations.

BOARD MATTERS:

4. Finance, Audit and Risk Management Subcommittee

- The appointment of an Independent Chair was discussed, particularly with consideration of nominating women.
- A perpetual advertisement will be put on the Federation website, particularly encouraging women for governance roles.

5. Subsidiaries and Joint Ventures:

- The board noted the need for continued appropriate reporting and developing the alignment with the Federation strategy, with a view to a joint meeting.

REPORTS:

6. Treaty Progress:

- The board noted concerns in relation to timelines for nomination for representatives to the First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria and the registration on the roll to be able to elect those members.
- The Board also noted its support for treaty and encouraging Traditional Owner groups to develop their own processes for appointing their representatives on the Assembly.

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