



**Federation of  
Victorian Traditional  
Owner Corporations**

**FEDERATION OF VICTORIAN TRADITIONAL  
OWNER CORPORATIONS LTD  
AND CONTROLLED ENTITY**

**FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2015**

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**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

Your directors present their report on Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations Ltd ("the company") for the financial year ended 30 June 2015.

**Information on Directors**

The names of the directors in office at any time during the financial year are:

- **Janine Coombs**

Appointed: 27 June 2013  
Member Corporation: Barengi Gadjin Land Council RNTBC

*Experience*

Chairperson of Barengi Gadjin Land Council RNTBC, member Victorian Traditional Owner Settlement Framework Executive Committee, member National Heritage Trust's Indigenous Advisory Committee. Janine's interests lie in community conflict and dispute resolution.

- **Barry Kenny**

Appointed: 27 June 2013 Resigned: 28 July 2015  
Member Corporation: Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation

*Experience*

CEO at Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation  
Mr Kenny is a life-long Orbost resident with strong community ties and over 30-years' experience working with his people in cultural heritage. Mr Kenny is a descendent of the George Thomas family and is a strong advocate of caring for country, cultural heritage, and protecting and preserving the rights of Aboriginal people. Mr Kenny is passionate about moving his people into more jobs and protecting their culture and looking after the younger generation for the future.

- **Graham Atkinson**

Appointed: 9 September 2013  
Member Corporation: Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation

*Experience*

Master of Business Administration (RMIT University), Bachelor of Arts (University of Melbourne), Bachelor of Social Work (University of Melbourne), Graduate of Australian Institute of Company Directors' Program  
A director of a consultancy firm with many years' experience in senior management roles. Director, Federation Heritage Services Pty Ltd, Barpa Pty Ltd, Chairman of Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation, Board Member of the Indigenous Land Corporation, Director Dja Dja Wurrung Enterprises Pty Ltd, Chamber 2 Member, National Congress of Australia's First Peoples, Mr Atkinson is a Dja Dja Wurrung and Yorta Yorta man.

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- **Wendy Berick**

Appointed: 30 June 2014

Member Corporation: Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation

*Experience*

Ms Berick is a founding member of the Dja Dja Wurung Clans Aboriginal Corporation and a proud descendant of Henry 'Harmony' Nelson of the Dja Dja Wurung people. A member of the Dja Dja Wurung negotiating team which culminated in 2013 with the signing of the Recognition and Settlement Agreement under the Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010 (Vic) to settle the Dja Dja Wurung native title claims. Ten years' experience with Park Victoria as Aboriginal People and Culture Officer building cultural awareness across Corporate Services, Visitor Services, Corporate Strategy, Planning and Regions and Managing Aboriginal Employment and Development Programs.

- **Jeremy Clark**

Appointed: 26 July 2013

Member Corporation: Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation

*Experience*

Graduate Certificate in Applied Science Environmental & Heritage Interpretation, Deakin University  
Chairperson of Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation, CEO at Brambuk National Park & Cultural Centre, previous Director of Grampians Tourism, recipient of the 1997 Victorian Aboriginal Young Achievers Award, member of Australian Aboriginal Network and Indigenous Australian Professionals Network. Mr Clark is a Tjap/Peek Whurrong Traditional Owner from South West Victoria with over 20 years' experience in Indigenous affairs including Cultural Heritage and land management. Director, Federation Heritage Services Pty Ltd and Barpa Pty Ltd.

- **Thomas Clarke**

Appointed: 26 July 2013

Member Corporation: Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation

*Experience*

Certificate II in Land Conservation and Management Board  
Board Member of the Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation, Member Right People for Country Steering Committee. A culturally strong, proud Kirrae Whurrong man who has a background in environmental and social justice work and has spent time travelling to other Indigenous communities to live, including in Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia. Tommy was a recent recipient of an Australian Scholarships Foundations scholarship to undertake governance training.

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- **Robert Critch**

Appointed: 27 June 2013 Resigned: 28 July 2015  
Member Corporation: Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation

*Experience*

Mr Critch first come into working for the community in 1998 after the Elections for the Aboriginal Housing Board of Victoria, as Volunteer Director for the Metro East Region of Melbourne till 2002 election. Mr Critch was nominated for a second term from Early 2003 after a board member left and he stayed until the end of financial year of 2005. Mr Critch started with Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC) after the AGM of 2009 and was appointed to the Board at the 2010 AGM where he still sits now. Mr Critch was also appointed a Justice of Peace in 2004.

- **Perry Wandin**

Appointed: 28 August 2013  
Member Corporation: Wurundjeri Tribe Land and Compensation Cultural Heritage Council

*Experience*

Committee member of Wurundjeri Tribe Land and Compensation Cultural Heritage Council for six years. Nine years practical experience as a site officer including four years' experience in assessing Cultural Heritage Management Plans. Completed Governness Training and is undertaking Certificate IV in Cultural Heritage Management with La Trobe University.

- **Ron Jones**

Appointed: 28 August 2013  
Member Corporation: Wurundjeri Tribe Land and Compensation Cultural Heritage Council

*Experience*

Wurundjeri Tribe Land and Compensation Cultural Heritage Council.

- **Patricia Terry**

Appointed: 1 May 2014 Resigned: 10 July 2015  
Member Corporation: Taungurung Clans Aboriginal Corporation

- **Joe Anka**

Appointed: 6 May 2014 Resigned: 27 January 2015  
Member Corporation: Taungurung Clans Aboriginal Corporation

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- **Michael Stewart**

Appointed: 7 July 2014  
Member Corporation: Barengi Gadjin Land Council RNTBC

*Experience*

Michael is the Executive Officer of the Barengi Gadjin Land Council RNTBC

- **Lawrence Moser**

Appointed: 26 February 2015  
Member Corporation: Taungurung Clans Aboriginal Corporation

*Experience*

Lawrence is the Chief Executive Officer of the Taungurung Clans Aboriginal Corporation

- **Matthew Storey**

Appointed: 27 June 2013  
Member Corporation: Native Title Services Victoria

*Experience*

BEC, LLB (Hons) (CDU), GDCP (ANU), LLM (Macquarie Uni), Grad Dip Energy Resources Law (Melb Uni) Current CEO of Native Title Services Victoria, former Associate Professor and Head of Law at Charles Darwin University in the Northern Territory. Most recently, Matthew held a senior position in the Northern Territory administration; with particular responsibility for Indigenous land tenures, encompassing native title, economic development, environmental and natural resources law. Director, Federation Heritage Services Pty Ltd, National Native Title Council Ltd and NNTC Enterprises Pty Ltd. Matthew was also President of the Law Society of the Northern Territory for two years.

- **Austin Sweeney**

Appointed: 27 June 2013  
Member Corporation: Native Title Services Victoria

*Experience*

Bachelor of Laws (Hons) & Bachelor of Economics  
Legal practitioner with experience in commercial and native title law. Austin has worked with indigenous organisations for over 20 years and is currently Principal Legal Officer at NTSV.

Directors have been in office since 30 June 2015 to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

**DIRECTORS' REPORT**

**Meeting of Directors**

During the financial year, 4 meetings of directors were held. Attendances by each director during the year were as follows:

	<b>Directors' Meetings</b>	
	<b>Number eligible to attend</b>	<b>Number attended</b>
Janine Coombs	4	4
Barry Kenny	4	1
Graham Atkinson	4	1
Patricia Terry	4	3
Wendy Berick	4	4
Jeremy Clark	4	3
Thomas Clarke	4	2
Robert Critch	4	2
Perry Wandin	4	3
Ron Jones	4	1
Joe Anka	2	1
Michael Stewart	2	2
Lawrence Moser	2	2
Matthew Storey	4	2
Austin Sweeney	4	4

## DIRECTORS' REPORT

### Objectives and Strategies

1. The promotion of economic development and self-determination of Traditional Owner Corporations in Victoria.
2. Assisting Traditional Owner Corporations to manage their land and promote environmental and cultural protection of their country.
3. The promotion of the interests of the company, its members and aboriginal people more generally, to Government and other bodies to make representations or submissions on relevant matters of law, legislative measure or policies.
4. Support and promote mutually beneficial collaboration and partnership arrangements between Traditional Owner Corporations owned social and commercial business enterprises in Victoria.
5. Relief of poverty, sickness, suffering, distress, misfortune, destitution and helplessness amongst Traditional Owners in Victoria.

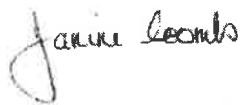
### Members' Liability

The company is incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 and is a company limited by guarantee. If the company is wound up, the Constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of \$1 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the company. As at 30 June 2015, the total amount that members of the company are liable to contribute if the company is wound up is \$14.

### Auditor's Independence Declaration

The auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 June 2015 has been received and can be found on page 8 of the financial report.

The directors' report is signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



Director Janine Coombs  
Chairperson



Jeremy Clark  
Deputy Chair

Dated in Bendigo on 1 October 2015

**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION  
UNDER SECTION 307C OF THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001  
TO THE DIRECTORS OF FEDERATION OF VICTORIAN TRADITIONAL OWNER  
CORPORATIONS LTD**

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2015 there have been:

- i. no contraventions of the auditor independence requirements as set out in the *Corporations Act 2001* in relation to the audit; and
- ii. no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

*McLean Delmo Bentleys Audit Pty Ltd*

**MCLEAN DELMO BENTLEYS AUDIT PTY LTD**

*James Ridley*

**James Ridley**  
Partner

Hawthorn  
1 October 2015



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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015**

	2015 \$	2014 \$
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Income from grant	42,000	-
Income from YACMAC project	183,000	-
Interest income	174	-
Other income	20,331	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>245,505</b>	-
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Accounting and audit fees	1,315	-
Advertisement & promotion	1,591	-
Consultants	20,000	-
Board meeting costs	12,573	-
Admin expenses	1,276	-
Insurance	3,496	-
Barpa costs	3,720	-
YACMAC project costs	147,927	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>191,898</b>	-
Profit before taxation	53,607	-
Income tax expense	(9,120)	-
<b>Comprehensive Result for the Year</b>	<b>44,487</b>	-

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 30 JUNE 2015**

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalent	61,656	-
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>61,656</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Investments – Barpa Pty Ltd	52	-
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>61,708</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Trade and other payables	8,101	-
Provision for taxation	9,120	-
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>17,221</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>17,221</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>44,487</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>EQUITY</b>		
Accumulated surplus	44,487	-
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>44,487</b>	<b>-</b>

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

	<b>Accumulated Surplus</b>
<b>Consolidated Group</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Balance at 01 July 2014</b>	-
Profit for the year	<u>44,487</u>
<b>Balance at 30 June 2015</b>	<u><b>44,487</b></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015**

	2015	2014
	\$	\$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Receipts from course of operations	245,505	-
Payments to suppliers	<u>(183,797)</u>	-
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>61,708</u>	-
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of investment	<u>(52)</u>	-
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(52)</u>	-
Net increase in cash held	61,656	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial period	<u>-</u>	-
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year	<u><u>61,656</u></u>	-

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015**

**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations Ltd is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 27 June 2013 in Australia.

The financial statements were authorised for issue on 1 October 2015 by the directors of the company.

**Basis of Preparation**

Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations Ltd applies Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements as set out in AASB 1053: Application of Tiers of Australian Accounting Standards and AASB 2010-2: Amendments to Australian Accounting Standards arising from Reduced Disclosure Requirements.

The financial statements are general purpose financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) and the Corporations Act 2001. The company is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards.

Australian Accounting Standards set out accounting policies that the AASB has concluded would result in financial statements containing relevant and reliable information about transactions, events and conditions. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

**Accounting Policies**

**(a) Principle of Consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements incorporate all of the assets, liabilities and results of the parent and entities controlled by Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations Ltd at the end of the reporting period. A controlled entity is any entity over which Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations Ltd has the power to govern the financial and operating policies so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

Where controlled entities have entered or left the group during the year, the financial performance of those entities is included only for the period of the year that they were controlled. In preparing the consolidated financial statements, all intragroup balances and transactions between entities in the consolidated group have been eliminated in full on consolidation.

Federation Heritage Services Pty Ltd, a proprietary company limited by shares, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations Ltd. Federation Heritage Services Pty Ltd was incorporated on 23 September 2014 in Australia.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015**

**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)**

**(b) Income Tax**

No provision for income tax has been raised as the company is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

The income tax expense is in relation to tax payable on taxable income of its subsidiary, Federal Heritage Services Pty Ltd. This is calculated based on the income tax rate of 30%.

**(c) Revenue**

Government grants are recognised as revenue when the company obtains control over the assets comprising the contributions. Control over granted assets is normally obtained upon their receipt and the timing of commencement of control depends upon the arrangements that exist between the grantor and the entity. Where the company considers the grant to be reciprocal in nature, the grant will be treated as deferred income and the grant will be progressively brought to account as revenue in the statement of comprehensive income over the period.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customers.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

**(d) Goods and Services Tax (GST)**

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included in the statement of financial position.

**(e) Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

**(f) Leases**

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are recognised as expenses on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Lease incentives under operating leases are recognised as a liability and amortised on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015**

**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)**

**(g) Financial Instruments**

*Initial recognition and measurement*

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions to the instrument. For financial assets, this is equivalent to the date that the company commits itself to either purchase or sell the asset (ie trade date accounting is adopted). Financial instruments are initially measured at fair value plus transaction costs.

*Classification and subsequent measurement*

Financial instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method or cost. Amortised cost is calculated as the amount at which the financial asset or financial liability is measured at initial recognition less principal repayments and any reduction for impairment, and adjusted for any cumulative amortisation of the difference between that initial amount and the maturity amount calculated using the effective interest method.

*(i) Loans and receivables*

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market and are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process and when the financial asset is derecognised.

*(ii) Financial liabilities*

Non-derivative financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortised cost. Gains or losses are recognised in profit or loss through the amortisation process and when the financial liability is derecognised.

*Impairment*

At the end of each reporting period, the company assesses whether there is objective evidence that a financial asset has been impaired. A financial asset or a group of financial assets is deemed to be impaired if, and only if, there is objective evidence that impairment as a result of one or more events (a "loss event") has occurred, which has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset(s). In the case of financial assets carried at amortised cost, loss events may include: indications that the debtors or a group of debtors are experiencing significant financial difficulty, default or delinquency interest or principal payments; indications that they will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganisation; and changes in arrears or economic conditions that correlate with defaults.

*Derecognition*

Financial assets are derecognised where the contractual rights to receipt of cash flows expire or the asset is transferred to another party whereby the company no longer has any significant continuing involvement in the risks and benefits associated with the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised when the related obligations are discharged or cancelled, or have expired. The difference between the carrying amount of the financial liability, which is extinguished or transferred to another party, and the fair value of consideration paid, including the transfer of non-cash assets or liabilities assumed, is recognised in profit or loss.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015**

**NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D)**

**(h) Impairment of Assets**

At the end of each reporting period, the company assesses whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. If such an indication exists, an impairment test is carried out on the asset by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset, being the higher of the asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use, to the asset's carrying amount. Any excess of the asset's carrying amount over its recoverable amount is recognised immediately to profit or loss.

Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

**(i) Employee Benefits**

Provision is made for the company's liability for employee benefits arising from services rendered by employees to the end of the reporting period. Employee benefits that are expected to be settled wholly within one year have been measured at the amounts expected to be paid when the liability is settled. Employee benefits payable later than one year have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may not satisfy vesting requirements. Those cash outflows are discounted using market yields on national government bonds with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cash flows.

**(j) Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the company has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions recognised represent the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

**(k) Comparative Figures**

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

**(l) Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgments**

The directors evaluate estimates and judgements incorporated into the financial statements based on historical knowledge and best available current information. Estimates assume a reasonable expectation of future events and are based on current trends and economic data, obtained both externally and within the company.

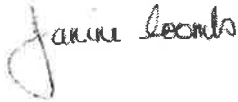


**DIRECTORS' DECLARATION**

In accordance with the resolution of the directors of Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations Ltd, the directors of the company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 8 to 16, are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, and:
  - (a) give a true and fair view of the financial position as at 30 June 2015 and of the performance for the period ended on that date of the consolidated group; and
  - (b) comply with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the Corporations Regulations 2001.
2. In the directors' opinion, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is made in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.



Director Janine Coombs  
Chairperson



Jeremy Clark  
Deputy Chair

Dated in Bendigo on 1 October 2015

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF FEDERATION OF VICTORIAN TRADITIONAL OWNER CORPORATIONS LTD

We have audited the accompanying financial report of Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations Ltd, which comprises the consolidated statement of financial position as at 30 June 2015, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the directors' declaration of the consolidated entity comprising the company and the entities it controlled at the year's end or from time to time during the financial year.

### *Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report*

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the Corporations Act 2001 and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### *Auditor's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the company's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### *Independence*

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001*. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the *Corporations Act 2001*, which has been given to the directors of Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations Ltd, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF FEDERATION OF VICTORIAN TRADITIONAL OWNER  
CORPORATIONS LTD (CONTINUED)**

*Opinion*

In our opinion, the financial report of Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations Ltd is in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, including:

- (i) giving a true and fair view of the consolidated entity's financial position as at 30 June 2015, and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
- (ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the *Corporations Regulations 2001*.

*McLean Delmo Bentleys Audit Pty Ltd*

**MCLEAN DELMO BENTLEYS AUDIT PTY LTD**

*James Ridley*

**James Ridley**  
Partner

Hawthorn  
1 October 2015

