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Victorian Traditional Owners Welcome an Aboriginal Procurement Policy

The Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations welcomes today's announcement of the Victorian Government's establishment of an Aboriginal procurement policy.

The Chair of the Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations, Janine Coombs, said: 'This is something we have been working towards for a number of years and we are pleased that it is coming to fruition.

'The government's infrastructure investment has increased in Victoria in recent years, and a procurement policy that enables and supports Aboriginal business and employment will build Aboriginal economic capacity and empower Aboriginal people to participate in the state's economy'

'The success of the Commonwealth's Indigenous Procurement Policy is now the benchmark. While the Victorian goal of 1% is well below that of the Commonwealth, we welcome this as a starting point and look forward to working with the government on its implementation to optimise the outcomes.'

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