

OUR VISION

WE HAVE THE ENABLING CONDITIONS TO HEAL COUNTRY AND CULTURE THROUGH THE APPLICATION OF OUR KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICE IN THE CONTEMPORARY EXPRESSION OF LIVING BIO-CULTURAL LANDSCAPES.

TRADITIONAL OWNERS WANT TO WRITE THEIR OWN STRATEGY THAT CONNECTS TO STATE DOCUMENTS ...IMPORTANTLY FOR THE GOVERNMENT, THE CULTURAL LANDSCAPES STRATEGY STATES CLEARLY BACK TO GOVERNMENT 'THIS IS WHAT TOS WANT AND HOW WE WANT IT TO HAPPEN. IT'S A COLLECTIVE VIEW.'

IT'S NOT ABOUT 'FORESTS' IT'S ABOUT HONOURING THE DREAMING STORIES ...

IT IS A CULTURAL LANDSCAPE, [WE] NEED TO ENABLE CULTURAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES.

EMU COUNTRY, WE'RE GOING TO MANAGE FOR THAT EMU. CULTURAL OBJECTIVES [NEED] TO BE REINTRODUCED INTO LANDSCAPE.

A LIVING BIO-CULTURAL LANDSCAPE.

ALL OF THE ACTIONS [CULTURAL AND OTHER LAND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES] ARE UNDERTAKEN WITH THE AIM OF RETURNING A CULTURALLY RECOGNISABLE LANDSCAPE, LIKE THE OLD FELLA SAYS

'IT USED TO LOOK LIKE THIS AND THAT'S WHAT WE ARE WORKING TOWARDS, OR IT WAS THIS BIT OF COUNTRY (THAT) WAS MANAGED FOR THIS (TOTEMIC) SPECIES AND NOW YOU LOOK AT IT ...AND YOU'VE GOT YOUR ROAD MAP'.



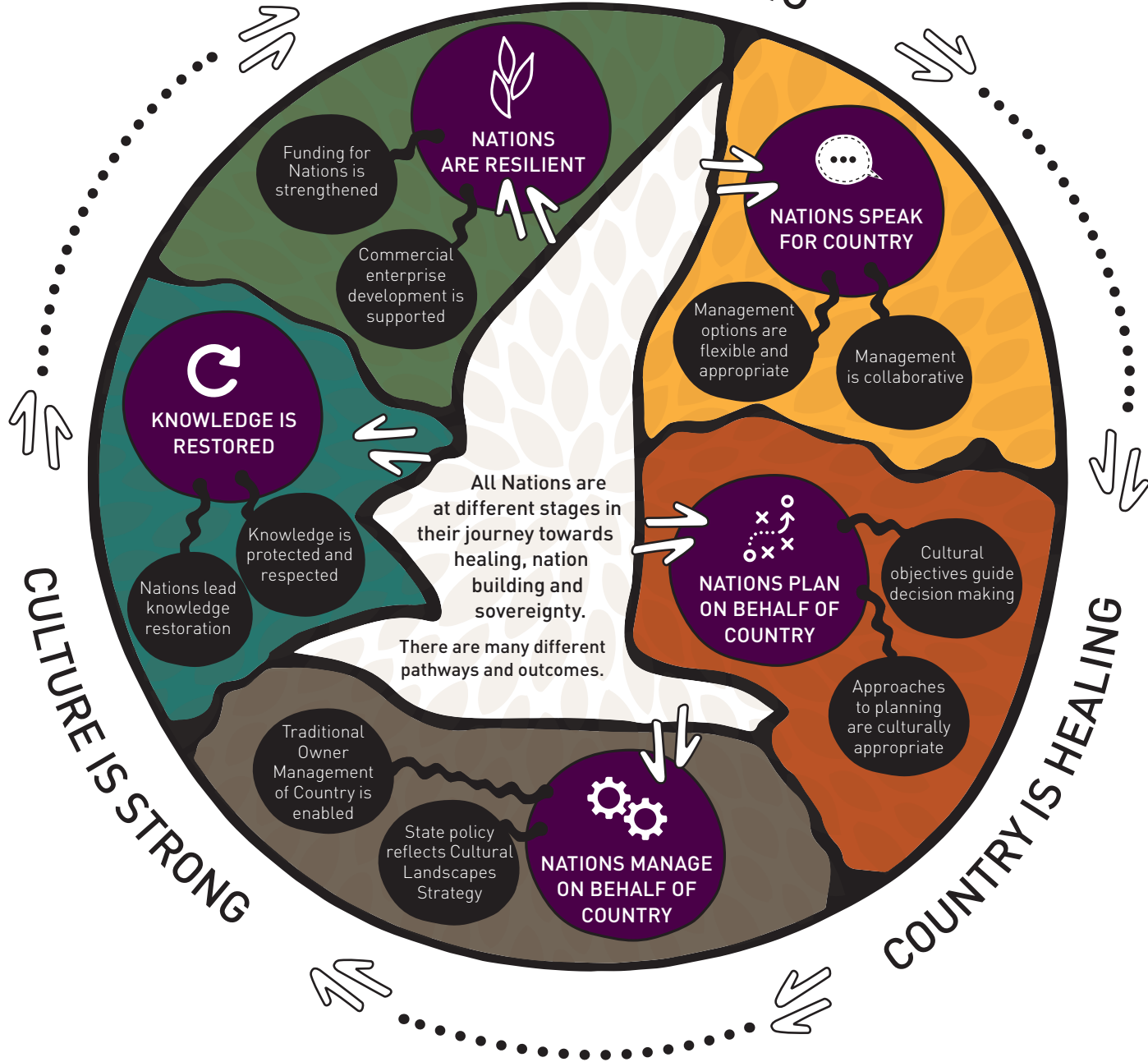
Federation of
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VICTORIAN TRADITIONAL OWNER CULTURAL LANDSCAPES

The Federation, Parks Victoria and DELWP worked to understand how Traditional Owners wish to express their cultural values, practices, interests and knowledge associated with planning and management for all Countries in Victoria.

PEOPLE ARE STRONG



CULTURE IS STRONG

COUNTRY IS HEALING



Our Countries are a mosaic of cultural elements and obligations embedded within a natural context. Cultural Landscapes hold values associated with our unique history and knowledge.

They reflect our network of relationship between human and non-human animals, plants, ancestors, song lines, physical structures, trade routes and other significant cultural connections to Country.

The Victorian Traditional Owner Cultural Landscapes Strategy supports Nations to discuss cultural values, practices, interests and knowledge associated with all Countries in Victoria and embed our role in the management of Country.

It supports all Nations to undertake on-Country management actions according to their respective cultural obligations and economic interests.