



Who we are

About us

The Interim Truth and Treaty Body is committed to continuing Queensland's treaty journey.

We acknowledge the generations of calls from First Nations peoples in Queensland for Treaty and the work of many before us who have been important in getting us to where we are today.

Our vision

We believe it's time to reach Treaties with the sovereign First Nation peoples and recognise the truth of colonisation to create a path towards a stronger Queensland.



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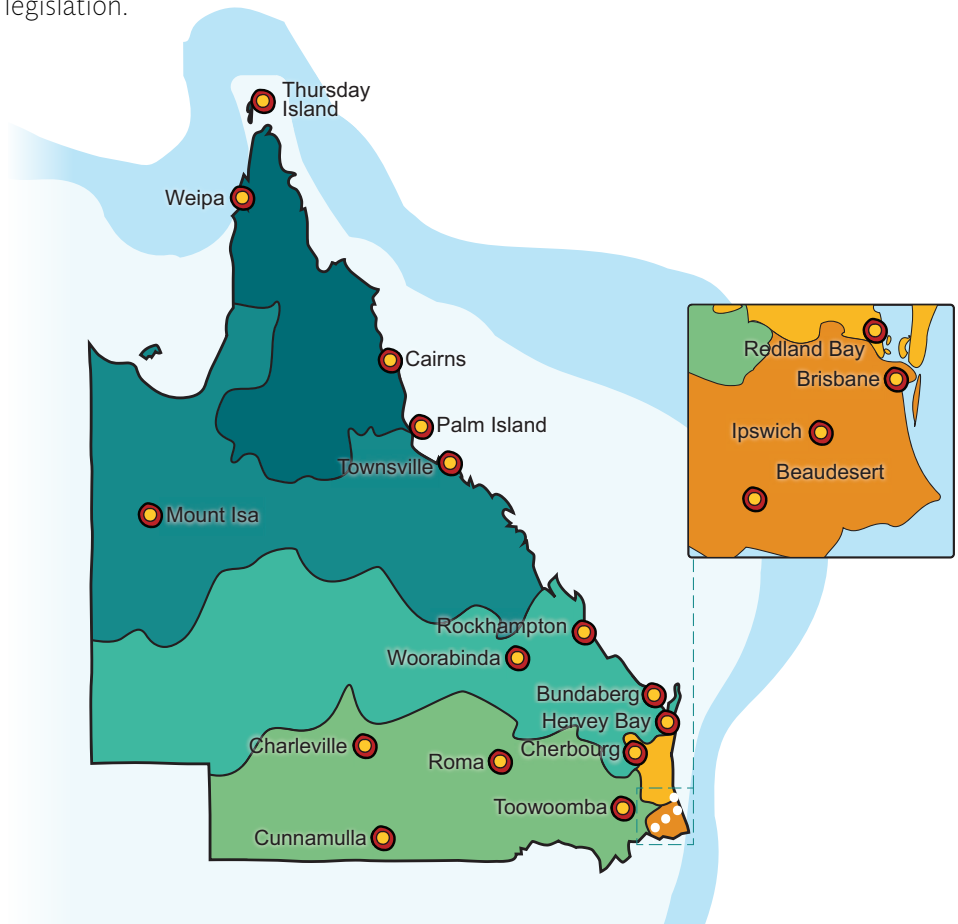
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History in the making

With the recent passing of the *Path to Treaty Act 2023* (the Act)—which received unanimous support from both sides of Parliament, a very strong foundation is set for structures to be in place to prepare for formal truth-telling and treaty negotiations.

Co-design between the Interim Truth and Treaty Body (ITTb) and the Queensland Government as well as feedback from community consultations conducted over the past four years, informed the drafting of this historic legislation.





Where to next

Community consultations

The ITTB have conducted 21 sessions across Queensland since March 2023. The purpose of these sessions was for the ITTB to gain community input into key design elements to support establishment of the Truth-Telling and Healing Inquiry and the First Nations Treaty Institute—the centrepieces of the Act.

The Truth-Telling and Healing Inquiry key function is to inquire and document the effects of colonisation on First Nations people. The First Nations Treaty Institute is independent of Government and will support the treaty-making process with particular regard to the interests of First Nations peoples.

What we heard

Community feedback to date have stressed the importance of the Truth-Telling and Healing Inquiry to consult and engage with First Nations peoples and all Queensland to guide the design and conduct of formal truth-telling.

The processes to select the Inquiry and Institute Council members needs to be transparent and accountable. A consultation summary report will be published on our website to provide an overview of feedback gathered from community consultations.

What happens now

The ITTB will continue to engage with Queensland communities to lay the foundation for a sustained approach to truth-telling and healing.

This includes capturing community aspirations for local truth-telling. These aspirations will assist us in developing a Truth-Telling Strategy, that will provide guidance and information to support communities to initiate local truth-telling. A staged approach to truth-telling can be found on the following page.

We will also be seeking community views on the types of support that would be needed to prepare First Nations peoples for treaty negotiations. This information will assist the First Nations Treaty Institute develop a Treaty Making Framework.



Staged approach

STAGE 1

Local truth-telling: Led by the ITTB

- First Nations community-led and driven
- Communities research, record and share local histories
- Investigate historical moments connected to their community.

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STAGE 2

Formal truth-telling: Led by the Inquiry

- Inquiry based and driven with a non-adversarial approach
- Report on findings and make recommendations
- Information and data is collected from individuals, government and other institutions as evidence
- Government entities to be compelled to provide evidence.
- Community awareness and research and informing development of education curricula and materials.

STAGE 3

Treaty-making: Led by the First Nations Treaty Institute

- Treaty Making Framework developed to support community
- Support and prepare First Nations people for and to enter into treaty negotiations
- Conduct functions of truth-telling to inform the treaty-making process with First Nations treaty parties.



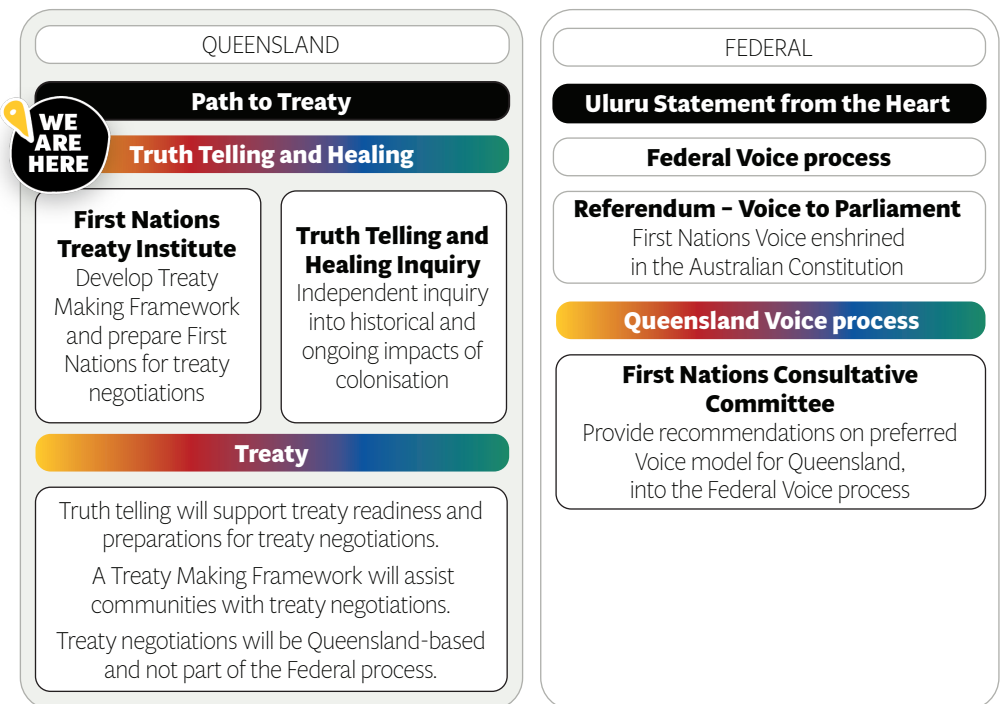
Treaty, It's Time Queensland

Queensland's treaty process and the national conversation about constitutional change

In Queensland, consultation with communities put truth-telling front and centre of any treaty-making process.

At the national level this year, Queenslanders, along with the rest of Australia will be asked in a referendum, if they support an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament—the 'Voice' element of the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

It is important that the national conversation continues. This can occur at the same time, and separately, to Queensland's Truth and Treaty process.



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Keep up to date

Visit our website for more information about ITTB or to download a range of resources:

- What is Treaty?
- What could a Treaty involve?
- What is Truth Telling?

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You can also follow our social media pages to keep up to date on where we are at in the Treaty process.



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Acknowledgement

We pay our respects to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, to Elders past, present and emerging.

First Nations peoples are the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands, waters and seas of Queensland.

We recognise and value the ongoing contribution of First Nations peoples, for their enduring relationship connecting people, Country and ancestors—an unbreakable bond that safely stewarded and protected the land, waters and sky for millennia.

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