



Right People for Country Program

Expression of Interest form

Completing this Form

Traditional Owners need to complete this Expression of Interest form in order to seek agreement making support from the Right People for Country program. This form asks Traditional Owners to describe the agreement making project for which you are seeking Right People for Country program support.

One Expression of Interest form should be completed jointly by all Traditional Owner group/s that need to be involved in the agreement making project.

If you have any questions about completing this form please contact the Right People for Country program.

Submitting your Expression of Interest

Expressions of Interest need to be submitted by email to Sally.Smith@dpc.vic.gov.au and marked "RPfC EOI". The Right People for Country program will acknowledge receipt of Expressions of Interest by return email.

How is your Expression of Interest assessed?

Expressions of Interest are reviewed by the program manager and then referred to the Right People for Country Steering Committee. The Steering Committee assesses the Expressions of Interest against the eligibility criteria (see below). The Steering Committee may also consider the priority to be given to each agreement making project. The Steering Committee makes recommendations to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs who makes the final decision about access to Right People for Country program support.

To be eligible for Right People for Country program support, Traditional Owner groups must show that they meet the following criteria:

1. Traditional Owner groups want to reach an agreement about boundary/extent of Country or group composition/representation issues.
2. Reaching agreement will help Traditional Owner group/s to negotiate an agreement with the Victorian Government under the *Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010*; *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) or gain Registered Aboriginal Party appointment under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*; and
3. The relevant Traditional Owner groups are ready to participate in agreement making and have consented to accessing support through the Right People for Country program.

Privacy

Information that you provide in this form will be collected, stored and maintained by the Right People for Country program for the purpose of assessing your Expression of Interest. This may involve disclosing information in your Expression of Interest to relevant government departments and other agencies for the sole purpose of assisting us to assess your Expression of Interest.

More information

For more information about Traditional Owner agreement making and the Right People for Country program, give us a call:

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Traditional Owner details and consent

Traditional Owner applicants

Who is this Expression of Interest made on behalf of? Names and contact details of applicants:

Group				
Contact Person				
Postal Address				
		State		Postcode
Email				
Phone number				
Group				
Contact Person				
Postal Address				
		State		Postcode
Email				
Phone number				
Group				
Contact Person				
Postal Address				
		State		Postcode
Email				
Phone number				

Decision making process

What decision making process did each group use to authorise this Expression of Interest? Please describe process and provide date of decision:

Traditional Owner group	Decision making process	Date of decision

Applicant declaration

I/we understand that this is an Expression of Interest only and that final approval will be subject to funding availability and project suitability.

We confirm that we have read and understood the terms and conditions of Right People for Country program support and that the information provided is correct and complete.

We certify that the necessary approvals required by our group/s have been granted for the project to proceed.

Traditional Owner group	Name of representative	Signature	Date

Project Outline

1. Project title

What do you want this project to be called?

2. Project goal

What is your project goal?

3. Need / rationale

Explain the need or rationale for the project?

4. Type of agreement making matter?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Group composition | <input type="checkbox"/> External boundaries / extent of Country |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Group representation | <input type="checkbox"/> Internal boundaries / extent of Country |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internal conflict / engagement | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Please describe:

5. Formal recognition outcomes

Will this project assist you to:

- negotiate an agreement with the Victorian Government under the *Traditional Owner Settlement Act 2010* (Vic) / *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth)
- gain Registered Aboriginal Party appointment under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006* (Vic)

Please describe:

6. Traditional Owner group/s

What conversations have Traditional Owners making this Expression of Interest already had about the project? How would you describe your relationship?

Is there anyone else who needs to be involved in order to achieve your project goal?

- Yes No

If so, who?

Why aren't they a part of this Expression of Interest?

7. Project Plan

We would like Right People for Country program assistance in planning our project

We have a plan for our project (please describe below):

8. Principles

What principles are important to you in implementing this project – in working with each other and with the Right People for Country program?

9. Right People for Country program support

What types of support are you seeking from the Right People for Country program?

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Project planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Training / capacity building | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking / visiting country |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent facilitators | <input type="checkbox"/> Engagement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conflict management / mediation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Please describe:

Are you able to access this support elsewhere? Yes No

If yes, why should the Right People for Country program provide this support?

10. Other support

What other support do Traditional Owners have in place that may also assist this project?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal advice | <input type="checkbox"/> Administration / logistical support |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research support | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Please describe:

11. Previous agreement making

What are Traditional Owners' previous agreement making experiences? Outcomes reached?

12. Timeframes

When do you want to start this project?

When do you expect to complete this project?

Are there any external timeframes that impact on this project?

13. Understanding success

How will you know if the project is successful?

14. Evaluation

The Right People for Country program will work with Traditional Owners to reflect and review as the project is implemented.

At the end of agreement making, the Right People for Country program will ask Traditional Owner groups to participate in a **project evaluation** including the development of a case study that tells the story of agreement making for the groups involved, as well as other Traditional Owner groups and the broader community.

Do you agree to participate in project reflection and evaluation? Yes No

Do you have any suggestions about how we evaluate this project?

15. Extra information

Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this Expression of Interest.