

# Interim Electoral Rules (Reserved Member Appointments, Electoral Roll and Casual Vacancies)

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# Lighting the Fire Stick

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## 1 Name

The name of these rules is the Interim Electoral Rules (Reserved Member Appointments, Electoral Roll and Casual Vacancies).

## 2 Authority

- (a) As First Peoples, the source of our authority is our inherent rights.
- (b) The authority to make these rules derives from the Statewide Treaty, and they are made by the Assembly under sections 17, 33 and 62 of the Statewide Treaty Act and Schedule 1, Item 3.1(d) and Schedule 2, Items 4.3-4.4 and 5 to that Act.

## 3 Teachings that have Informed the Creation of these Rules

### 3.1 Our Identity, Our Strength, Our Wisdom

*“We, the First Peoples of this Country now called Victoria, affirm that Aboriginal Lore and Law continue. Passed down through Ancestors and Elders, carried in language, story, ceremony and Country. Though colonisation sought to silence them, they were never ceded or extinguished. These rules are created not in isolation, but as a part of this continuing legacy – a living expression of cultural authority and the right to self-determination.*

*In developing these rules, we are guided by the Gitjawil Yurpa.<sup>1</sup> Gitjawil Yurpa reminds us that governance is not only about structure or policy – it is about relationships, responsibility and respect. Our rules honour the authority of those who hold knowledge, uphold the protocols that connect us to each other and to Country, and reflect the way our communities have always made decisions. Decisions through yarning, consensus building, accountability and care.*

*We acknowledge that we exist within a time of legal pluralism. Aboriginal Lore and Law, the first lore/law of this place, has never ceased to operate, even as a colonial*

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<sup>1</sup> Gitjawil Yurpa expresses *many having to put forth* in Dja Dja Wurrung language.

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*legal system has tried to deny it. We recognise the need to navigate between legal systems, and in doing so, we affirm that Aboriginal Lore and Law are not secondary, symbolic or historical – but are legitimate, living and continuing. These rules are created as a bridge between systems. They speak to our people, they speak back to the state, they speak to all who wish to engage with it.*

*The fact that we are here, making rules in our own name, is a testament to our survival. It reflects generations of resistance – through public leadership, quiet strength, cultural practice and legal knowledge carried in kinship, Country and ceremony. This is not a new beginning, but a continuation of what has always been true, that we are the First Peoples.*

*As we are our Ancestors, and we are our Country, we claim our Ancestral birthright. It is in this spirit that the fire stick has been lit, to tend to the fires awoken by our Elders and Ancestors, for this fire stick to be carried and nurtured by Gellung Warl. The fire stick is how we take fire across Country, across generations – for Gellung Warl to light its own fire. One that will cleanse, will nourish, will maintain Country, will draw on many voices to carry forward one strength.*

*In a time now shaped by treaty-making, truth-telling and institutional change, we hold firm to what must not be lost – our ways of being, our cultural foundations, our obligations to future generations. These rules are made not only to meet current needs but to reflect who we are, where we come from, and where we are going. They are made with respect for the past, commitment to the present, and vision for the future we traverse in the Treaty era.”*

## 3.2 Grounded in Culture

Choosing who inherits the responsibilities of becoming an Assembly Member is never just about counting names. It runs deeper. It is the careful placing of responsibility into the hands of those that will be accountable and answerable, who will act with integrity, who can honour the diversity of voices in our Community – voices who have been silenced and oppressed, voices that are sovereign. It is the Community who chooses, an empowerment of our inherent right. A choice that is made in families, in clan groups, in the presence of history, places of belonging and connection, the ways we hold and pass on knowledge. A choice our old people were denied. A choice our young people will never go without. These rules protect the integrity of Assembly Members once chosen by their Community, and what then emerges is a collective voice and strength, a reaffirming of authority, of our belonging, of our unwavering obligations to Community and Country.

## 4 Purpose

These rules set out interim arrangements for appointing reserved members, managing the electoral roll and filling casual vacancies, to uphold and respect:

- (a) integrity, fairness and accountability;
- (b) participation, representativeness and inclusivity;
- (c) cultural protocols; and
- (d) the self-determination of Traditional Owner groups.

## 5 Application

These rules apply to the Assembly, the CEO and Traditional Owner groups as provided in [rule 8.1](#) and [10.1\(b\)](#).

## 6 Commencement

These rules commence on the day they are made by the Assembly.

## 7 Definitions

- (a) Unless the contrary intention appears, a term has the same meaning given to it in the Statewide Treaty Act or in any other internal rules made by the Assembly.
- (b) Unless the contrary intention appears, in these rules the following terms have the corresponding meaning:

Term	Meaning
<b>Appointment Procedures</b>	Procedures developed and published by a Traditional Owner group under <a href="#">rule 8.2(a)</a> and <a href="#">(b)</a> and if applicable, <a href="#">rule 8.2(c)</a> .
<b>Assembly</b>	First Peoples' Assembly.
<b>Assembly Constitution</b>	As defined in section 190 of the Statewide Treaty Act, being the version of the constitution adopted on 27 June 2024.
<b>Assembly election rules</b>	As defined in section 190 of the Statewide Treaty Act, being the version of the election rules in force immediately before 14 November 2025.
<b>Assembly Member</b>	A member of the First Peoples' Assembly.
<b>CEO</b>	The Chief Executive Officer of Gellung Warl.

<b>Countback Rules</b>	The Countback Rules set out in Schedule 5 to the Assembly Constitution.
<b>Electoral Officer</b>	As defined in section 4 of the Statewide Treaty Act.
<b>Eligible Person</b>	A person who is qualified to be and not prohibited from being a member of the Assembly under the Statewide Treaty Act and the Gellung Warl Membership Rules, taking into account the operation of section 21(3) of the Statewide Treaty Act, and, if a reserved member, who meets the residency requirements set by the Traditional Owner group.
<b>Enrolment Registrar</b>	The person conferred functions, powers and duties under the Assembly election rules.
<b>First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria Ltd</b>	As defined in section 190 of the Statewide Treaty Act.
<b>Gellung Warl electoral roll</b>	As defined in section 4 of the Statewide Treaty Act.
<b>Gellung Warl Membership Rules</b>	Internal rules made or amended by the Assembly and in force from time to time under section 33 of the Statewide Treaty Act that provide for the matters listed in Schedule 1, Items 1, 3, 4, 5 and 9 to that Act relating to membership.
<b>Publish</b>	As defined in section 4 of the Statewide Treaty Act.
<b>Selection Process</b>	The selection process that complies with <a href="#">rule 8.2(d)</a> and is included in an Appointment Procedure.
<b>Statewide Treaty Act</b>	<i>Statewide Treaty Act 2025 (Vic).</i>
<b>Traditional Owner group</b>	As defined in section 4 of the Statewide Treaty Act.
<b>Transitional election</b>	As defined in section 190 of the Statewide Treaty Act.
<b>Transitioned reserved member</b>	As defined in section 201 of Statewide Treaty Act and who is a reserved member of the Assembly by operation of section 203(2)(b) of that Act.
<b>Treaty Authority and Other Treaty Elements Act</b>	<i>Treaty Authority and Other Treaty Elements Act 2022 (Vic).</i>



# Carrying the Fire Stick

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## 8 Reserved Member Appointments

### Outline

Rule 8 sets out interim rules for how certain Traditional Owner groups may appoint reserved members.

### 8.1 Scope

- (a) Except where otherwise provided by these rules, [rule 8.2](#) and [8.3](#) apply to the appointment of a reserved member by a Traditional Owner group, falling within paragraph (a), (b) or (c) of the definition of that term in section 4 of the Statewide Treaty Act that is not represented by a transitioned reserved member.

### 8.2 Appointment procedures

- (a) A Traditional Owner group to whom this rule applies may appoint a reserved member to the Assembly in accordance with procedures developed and published by that Traditional Owner group, provided that those procedures comply with [rule 8.2\(b\)](#).
- (b) A Traditional Owner group's procedures must:
  - (i) provide for the Selection Process set out in [rule 8.2\(d\)](#);
  - (ii) set residency requirements that the reserved member must meet; and
  - (iii) provide for the nomination and verification process set out in [rule 8.2\(e\)](#).
- (c) A Traditional Owner group will satisfy [rule 8.2\(a\)](#) and (b) by adopting the procedures in schedule 1 to these rules if:
  - (i) the Traditional Owner group completes any parts of the schedule 1 procedures marked '[insert text]' with details determined by the Traditional Owner group, provided that the completed procedures comply with [rule 8.2\(b\)](#);
  - (ii) the adoption is approved by the members of the Traditional Owner group; and
  - (iii) the procedures are published and accessible to the members of the Traditional Owner group.
- (d) The Selection Process that applies to the selection of a person for appointment as a reserved member is that:
  - (i) the members of the Traditional Owner group must self-determine how the Traditional Owner group selects a reserved member, and may change how it does this; and
  - (ii) there is a selection made in accordance with that self-determined process.

**Example:** members of the Traditional Owner group decide to select a reserved member by a vote at a general meeting (such as an annual general meeting), or a postal vote by members of the Traditional Owner Group and then the Traditional Owner group follows the process as determined by the members.

- (e) The nomination and verification process that applies for a person to nominate as a candidate for appointment as a reserved member and for the verification of their eligibility by a Traditional Owner group is:
- (i) a person nominating as a candidate must submit a nomination to the Traditional Owner group that includes a declaration by that person that they are an Eligible Person and the consents, information and documents necessary for verification to be conducted in accordance with this rule;
  - (ii) the nomination and declaration must be in writing and in the form, if any, prescribed by the Traditional Owner group;
  - (iii) the Traditional Owner group must use its best endeavours to verify that a person nominating as a candidate is an Eligible Person before completing the Selection Process; and
  - (iv) a nomination is void if:
    - A. it is not submitted in accordance with [rule 8.2\(e\)\(i\)](#) and [\(ii\)](#);
    - B. the person nominating as a candidate fails to provide the consents, information or documents required under [rule 8.2\(e\)\(i\)](#); or
    - C. the Traditional Owner group is not satisfied that the person nominating is an Eligible Person.
- (f) The Traditional Owner group must notify the Assembly of the selection following completion of the Selection Process and in accordance with the Appointment Procedures only if it is satisfied that the person selected as a reserved member is an Eligible Person.
- (g) A notification to the Assembly under [rule 8.2\(f\)](#) must:
- (i) be in writing and given to the CEO;
  - (ii) include:
    - A. the full name of the Traditional Owner group;
    - B. the full name of the person selected as a reserved member; and
    - C. a description of the method used to select the person and a statement that the Traditional Owner group complied with the Selection Process; and
  - (iii) be provided by a person authorised to make a declaration on behalf of the Traditional Owner group and set out:
    - A. the full name of the person;
    - B. the signature of the person;
    - C. the office held by the person; and
    - D. the date of the notification; and

- (iv) be accompanied by:
  - A. a consent to be a member of the Assembly signed by the person selected as a reserved member, in a form required by the Assembly;
  - B. a declaration by the person that they are an Eligible Person;
  - C. a copy of the Appointment Procedures and a declaration by an official representative of the Traditional Owner group that those procedures have been complied with;
  - D. a copy of evidence that the selection of the person complied with the Selection Process; and

**Example:** an extract of minutes of a general meeting of the Traditional Owner group.

- E. any other consents, information and documents necessary for verification to be conducted in accordance with this rule, as determined by the CEO.
- (h) Where a procedural step was taken in connection with the making of procedures and the nomination, selection or verification of the appointment of a reserved member under this rule before the commencement of this rule, the Assembly may determine that the step is taken to have been done in accordance with this rule if satisfied that the step complies with the requirements of this rule.

### 8.3 Verification of eligibility

- (a) Following a notification by the Traditional Owner group under [rule 8.2\(f\)](#), the CEO, or a person appointed by the CEO for this purpose, must verify that the person selected as a reserved member is an Eligible Person.
- (b) The CEO or the CEO's appointee may request further information from the Traditional Owner group or the person if required to complete the verification.
- (c) The CEO must notify the Traditional Owner group and the person selected as a reserved member in writing of the completion of the verification under this rule.
- (d) The Traditional Owner group's appointment of the reserved member does not take effect until the CEO or the CEO's appointee is satisfied that the person is an Eligible Person and a notification is provided under [rule 8.3\(c\)](#).

### 8.4 Support and assistance

- (a) The Assembly may develop guidance material to support Traditional Owner groups to comply with the nomination and verification process in [rule 8.2\(e\)](#) and the notification requirements in [rule 8.2\(g\)](#).
- (b) To avoid doubt, the Traditional Owner group making an appointment under these rules is responsible for the costs arising from the appointment.

## 9 Gellung Warl Electoral Roll

### Outline

Rule 9 sets out interim rules applying to the maintenance of the Gellung Warl electoral roll.

### 9.1 Scope

- (a) **Rule 9.2** applies to the Gellung Warl electoral roll and the Electoral Officer on an interim basis, until the Assembly makes electoral rules to replace it.
- (b) **Rule 9.2** applies subject to the Statewide Treaty Act and the Treaty Authority and Other Treaty Elements Act.

### 9.2 Maintaining the Gellung Warl electoral roll

- (a) The Electoral Officer:
  - (i) will administer the Gellung Warl electoral roll and the enrolment process for elections in accordance with the Statewide Treaty Act and the Treaty Authority and Other Treaty Elements Act; and
  - (ii) has the power to do all things that are necessary or convenient for or in connection with the performance of the Electoral Officer's functions subject to these rules.
- (b) The Assembly election rules relating to:
  - (i) use of the Assembly electoral roll;
  - (ii) eligibility and the process for registration on the Assembly electoral roll; and
  - (iii) changes to the Assembly electoral roll;

continue to apply with any necessary modification and as if references in that document to Enrolment Registrar were references to the Electoral Officer and references in that document to the Assembly electoral roll were references to the Gellung Warl electoral roll but only to the extent they have application in relation to:

  - (iv) eligibility for registration on the Gellung Warl electoral roll, including:
    - A. that a person is 16 years of age or above; and
    - B. that a person is either a Traditional Owner; or an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person residing in Victoria who has been residing in Victoria for at least three of the five years before the person applies to be registered on the Gellung Warl electoral roll;
  - (v) the process for applying for registration on the Gellung Warl electoral roll, including any documentation or evidence required, and providing evidence of a person's full name, age and residential address and eligibility under **rule 9.2(b)(iv)**; and

- (vi) administrative processes for or in relation to the Gellung Warl electoral roll, including:
  - A. registration of all persons who are eligible to vote in an election; and
  - B. the functions and powers of the Electoral Officer in relation to the roll.
- (c) To avoid doubt:
  - (i) the reference to necessary modification in [rule 9.2\(b\)](#) includes any modification required to ensure consistency with the Statewide Treaty Act and the Treaty Authority and Other Treaty Elements Act;
  - (ii) the Assembly election rules do not apply to the Gellung Warl electoral roll or the Electoral Officer to the extent that they relate to:
    - A. establishment of and access to the Assembly electoral roll;
    - B. the appointment and role of the Enrolment Registrar; and
    - C. enrolment complaints relating to registration;
  - (iii) the Assembly Constitution does not apply to the Gellung Warl electoral roll or the Electoral Officer.

## 10 Casual Vacancies

### Outline

Rule 10 sets out interim rules for filling casual vacancies.

### 10.1 Scope

- (a) [Rule 10.2](#) applies to a general member elected in the transitional election.
- (b) [Rule 10.3](#) applies to:
  - (i) a transitioned reserved member; and
  - (ii) a reserved member appointed by a Traditional Owner group under [rule 8.2](#).

### 10.2 Casual vacancies – general member

- (a) A casual vacancy is deemed to arise if a general member stops being an Assembly Member, by reason of:
  - (i) the death of the general member;
  - (ii) resignation under the Gellung Warl Membership Rules; or
  - (iii) removal under the Gellung Warl Membership Rules.
- (b) The CEO must, as soon as practicable, notify the Electoral Officer if a casual vacancy arises under [rule 10.2\(a\)](#).

- (c) A casual vacancy in the office of a general member is to be filled by a countback in accordance with [rule 10.2\(d\)](#), provided that the casual vacancy arises within 18 months of the announcement of the results of the transitional election.
- (d) Subject to [rule 10.2\(i\)](#), a countback must be conducted in accordance with the Countback Rules, which apply with any necessary modification and as if:
  - (i) references to Council were references to the Electoral Officer; and
  - (ii) references to the Relevant Election were references to the transitional election.
- (e) On completion of a countback under [rule 10.2\(d\)](#), the Electoral Officer, or a person appointed by the Electoral Officer for this purpose, must:
  - (i) require the person elected under the Countback Rules:
    - A. to complete a declaration that they are an Eligible Person; and
    - B. provide consent to be a member of the Assembly signed by the person, in a form required by the Assembly; and
  - (ii) verify that the person elected under the Countback Rules is an Eligible Person and may request the person to provide any consents, information and documents necessary for that verification to be conducted in accordance with this rule, as determined by the Electoral Officer.
- (f) The Electoral Officer or the Electoral Officer's appointee may request further information from the person elected if required to complete the verification.
- (g) The Electoral Officer or the Electoral Officer's appointee must notify the person elected as a general member in writing of the completion of the verification under this rule.
- (h) The election of a general member to fill a casual vacancy under this rule does not take effect until the Electoral Officer or the Electoral Officer's appointee is satisfied that the person is an Eligible Person and provides a notification under [rule 10.2\(g\)](#).
- (i) If a countback fails because none of the candidates is an Eligible Person, a By-election may only be held if the Assembly first:
  - (i) approves a By-election be held; and
  - (ii) makes internal rules for the conduct of the By-election, including the matters set out in Item 1 of Schedule 2 to the Statewide Treaty Act.

### 10.3 Casual vacancies – reserved member

- (a) A casual vacancy is deemed to arise if a reserved member stops being an Assembly Member, by reason of:
  - (i) the death of the reserved member;
  - (ii) resignation under the Gellung Warl Membership Rules; or
  - (iii) removal under the Gellung Warl Membership Rules.
- (b) The CEO must, as soon as practicable, notify the Traditional Owner group that selected the reserved member if a casual vacancy arises under [rule 10.3\(a\)](#).

- (c) A casual vacancy in the office of a reserved member is to be filled by the Traditional Owner group that selected that reserved member, in accordance with [rule 10.3\(d\)](#).
- (d) [Rule 8.2](#) and [8.3](#) apply with any necessary modification to the appointment of a reserved member by a Traditional Owner group to fill a casual vacancy.
- (e) If a casual vacancy arises, the board or governing body of a Traditional Owner group may make one appointment of an acting reserved member for up to six months in accordance with [rule 10.3\(f\)](#) to ensure the Traditional Owner group is represented while the vacancy is being filled through the appointment process under [rule 8.2](#) and [8.3](#).
- (f) The following requirements apply to the appointment of an acting reserved member under [rule 10.3\(e\)](#):
  - (i) the Traditional Owner group must be satisfied that the person appointed as acting reserved member is an Eligible Person;
  - (ii) the Traditional Owner group must provide, in writing, to the Assembly:
    - A. the full name of the person appointed as acting reserved member;
    - B. a signed confirmation of the acting appointment by an authorised representative of the Traditional Owner group;
    - C. a consent to be a member of the Assembly signed by the person appointed as acting reserved member, in a form required by the Assembly;
    - D. a declaration by the person appointed as acting reserved member that they are an Eligible Person;
    - E. any other consents, information and documents necessary for verification to be conducted in accordance with this rule, as determined by the CEO.
  - (iii) On receipt of the information and documents set out in [rule 10.3\(f\)\(ii\)](#), the CEO, or a person appointed by the CEO for this purpose, must verify that the person appointed as acting reserved member is an Eligible Person.
  - (iv) The CEO or the CEO's appointee may request further information from the person appointed as acting reserved member if required to complete the verification.
  - (v) The CEO must notify the Traditional Owner group and the person appointed as acting reserved member, completion of the verification under this rule.
  - (vi) An acting reserved member appointed under this rule has equivalent rights and duties to a reserved member and their acting appointment commences on the date that verification under this rule is notified.
- (g) The appointment of a reserved member to fill a casual vacancy under this rule does not take effect until the CEO or the CEO's appointee is satisfied that the person is an Eligible Person and provides a notification under [rule 10.3\(f\)\(v\)](#).

## 11 Effect of Election and Appointment

Upon an election of a general member taking effect under rule 10.2(h), or the appointment of a reserved member taking effect under rule 8.3(d) or 10.3(g), the Statewide Treaty Act and internal rules apply to that member as if they were a general member elected in the transitional election or a transitioned reserved member.

## 12 Validity of Acts

An act done by a person under or in connection with these rules is to be taken to have been an act done in accordance with these rules even if there was a vacancy in the role or office, or it is later discovered the appointment of that person to the role or office was defective or had ceased.

# Nurturing the Fire Stick

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## 13 Information Walking with these Rules

At the time these rules were made, the following rules and other documents are relevant to their operation. Other rules and other documents may be made from time to time that are also relevant to their operation.

### 13.1 Internal rules

- (a) Gellung Warl Membership Rules

## 14 Amendments

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# Schedule 1 – Appointment Procedures

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## 1 Entitlement to appoint a reserved member

Under electoral rules in force from time to time made by the Assembly under the Statewide Treaty Act, each Traditional Owner group as defined in that Act is entitled to appoint a reserved member to the Assembly in accordance with the Traditional Owner group's procedures developed and published by that group.

These procedures are made by [insert text (name of Traditional Owner group)] on [insert text (date adopted)] and commence operation on [insert text (date published)] and they must be followed when [insert text (name of Traditional Owner group)] appoints a reserved member to the Assembly.

## 2 Nomination process

The nomination process set out in [rule 8.2\(e\)\(i\) and \(ii\)](#) of the Interim Electoral Rules applies to the appointment of a reserved member under these procedures. The Traditional Owner group may prescribe a form for this purpose.

## 3 Selection

The selection of a reserved member must comply with the requirements for a Selection Process, which means:

- (a) the members of [insert text (name of Traditional Owner group)] must self-determine how [insert text (name of Traditional Owner group)] selects a reserved member, and may change how it does this; and
- (b) there is a selection made in accordance with that self-determined process.

The Selection Process is:

- [insert selection process that meets the requirements of the Interim Electoral Rules]

[insert text (name of Traditional Owner group)] will keep records of:

- (a) member decisions about the Selection Process; and
- (b) how the Selection Process was applied to the selection of a reserved member;

to enable [insert text (name of Traditional Owner group)] to meet the notification requirements in the Interim Electoral Rules.

## 4 Notice of selection

Following a selection of a reserved member, [insert text (name of Traditional Owner group)] must notify the Assembly in accordance with the notification requirements in the Interim Electoral Rules and provide any consents, declarations, information and documentation required by the Interim Electoral Rules or requested under those rules.

## 5 Eligibility requirements

To be eligible to be a reserved member, a person must:

- (a) have the qualifications in section 21 of the Statewide Treaty Act and any internal rules made by the Assembly from time to time or, if no internal rule has been made, the qualifications set out in Item 3.1 of Schedule 1 to the Statewide Treaty Act;
- (b) not be prohibited from being an Assembly Member under any internal rules made by the Assembly from time to time; and
- (c) meet the following residency requirements [insert text or residency requirement set by the Traditional Owner group].

## 6 Verification of eligibility requirements

The verification process provided for in rule 8.2(e)(iii) of the Interim Electoral Rules applies to the appointment of a reserved member under these procedures, with the Traditional Owner group determining what verification methods are to be used:

**Examples:** national police record checks, searches of registers of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission and the Australian Financial Security Authority, declarations.

[Insert text (name of Traditional Owner group)] will use its best endeavours to verify the eligibility of persons nominating as a candidate before completing the Selection Process.

## 7 Definitions

In these procedures, the following terms have the corresponding meanings:

Term	Meaning
Assembly	First Peoples' Assembly.
CEO	The Chief Executive Officer of Gellung Warl.
Eligible Person	A person who is qualified to be and not prohibited from being a member of the Assembly under the Statewide Treaty Act and the Gellung Warl Membership Rules, taking into account

	the operation of section 21(3) of the Statewide Treaty Act, and, if a reserved member, who meets the residency requirements set by the Traditional Owner group.
<b>Interim Electoral Rules</b>	The internal rules made by the Assembly, titled, Interim Electoral Rules (Reserved Member Appointments, Electoral Roll and Casual Vacancies).
<b>Selection Process</b>	The selection process that complies with <b>rule 8.2(d)</b> of the Interim Electoral Rules and is included in this Appointment Procedure.
<b>Statewide Treaty Act</b>	The <i>Statewide Treaty Act 2025</i> (Vic).
<b>Traditional Owner group</b>	As defined in section 4 of the Statewide Treaty Act.

