

**STATEWIDE TREATY ACT 2025 (VIC)**  
**SECTION 38 CERTIFICATION – PROPOSED INTERNAL RULE**

Section 38(1) of the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025 (Vic)* requires that, before the First Peoples' Assembly makes an internal rule or a substantive rule (including a rule amending or repealing or revoking such a rule), the First Peoples' Assembly must obtain a certificate from a qualified certifier stating that the person is of the opinion that the proposed internal rule or substantive rule complies with the requirements of that Act relating to internal rules or substantive rules, as the case requires.

I am a qualified certifier within the meaning of the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025 (Vic)*. This certificate is provided for the purpose of s 38(1) of the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025 (Vic)*, on the assumption that the body of internal rules made by the First Peoples' Assembly, read as a whole, will provide for the content or subject matter set out in Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 to that Act.

In my opinion, the following proposed internal rules comply with the requirements of the *Statewide Treaty Act 2025 (Vic)* relating to internal rules.

**Proposed internal rules:** Interim Assembly Meeting and Decision-Making Rules

**Date of proposed internal rules:** 5 May 2026



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**Date:** 5 May 2026

This certificate relates to the circumstances as at the date of the certificate.