



YORTA YORTA NATION ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

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Jill Gallagher AO

Victorian Treaty Advancement Commissioner
116 Cardigan Street Carlton VIC 3053

Dear Jill,

I would like to thank you for your invitation for Yorta Yorta Nation Elders to attend the Treaty State-wide Gathering to be held on Tuesday 25 September 2018.

After many months of deliberations on the Victorian Treaty Process both the Yorta Yorta Nation Council of Elders and the Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation Board of Directors have decided the following:

“The Victorian Government and the Victorian Treaty Commissioner are placed on notice that the Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation as directed by Yorta Yorta Council of Elders as representative of their 16 Family Groups believe that what is proposed will have significant, long lasting and irreversible consequences for their future of the Yorta Yorta Nation. The Yorta Yorta Nation cannot be rushed through your processes into making a decision without providing all the 16 Family groups of Yorta Yorta Nation with their fully informed consent”.

It is for this reason the Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation’s Council of Elders will not be participating as official representatives at your Treaty Forum to be held next week.

Further to this we urge you to support the funding of the Treaty Engagement Application as dated 16th August 2018 so that our organisation can ensure an independent research project that can be informed by a series of meetings to be held with the 16 Family Groups and the Council of Elders. This Report will be presented to yourself and the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs as delegates on behalf of the Victorian Government with Yorta Yorta Nations’ final response.

Yours Sincerely

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