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Acknowledging Traditional Owners an Honourable Tradition

“Acknowledging Traditional Owners is an honourable tradition that I hope the Victorian Government’s ‘honourable’ ministers will understand and continue,” says Mr Justin Mohamed, Chair of National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO).

“I hope the controversy around Victorian ministers perhaps not acknowledging Traditional Owners is a miss-step by a new government rather than a roll back of the hard won recognition of the first peoples of Victoria” Mr Mohamed said.

“The acknowledgement encourages a better understanding of our shared history, the layers of ownership of the land, the struggles to survive and the continuing contribution of Aboriginal cultures and families in Victoria.

“I urge ministers as community leaders to set an example. If they do not appreciate the significance of acknowledging Traditional Owners and the welcome to country, they should learn more about it and the state they aspire to govern.

“NACCHO trusts the Victorian Premier will revisit this issue by talking with the Aboriginal peoples of Victoria including our Affiliate the Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation“, Mr Mohamed said.

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