

Dhelk Dja: Safe Our Way

Strong Culture, Strong Peoples, Strong Families

The key Aboriginal-led Victorian Agreement that commits the signatories – Aboriginal communities, Aboriginal services and government – to work together and be accountable for ensuring that Aboriginal people, families and communities are stronger, safer, thriving and living free from family violence.



Name

Dhelk Dja are the Dja Dja Wurrung words for 'good place' pronounced 'delk ja'.

Artist

Trina Dalton-Oogjes is a proud Wadawurrung/Wathaurung woman. Her painting centres around the eleven community Dhelk Dja Action Groups across Victoria, leading into a central gathering/yarning circle, to empower Aboriginal communities and lead collaborative partnerships. Bunjil the Creator oversees to empower strength and self-determination. Hand prints of the adults and children represent the family unit. The kangaroo and emu footprints represent partnership moving forward.

Vision

Aboriginal people are culturally strong, safe and self-determining, with families and communities living free from violence.

Governance

The Dhelk Dja Partnership Forum is the governance structure with strategic responsibility for *Dhelk Dja: Safe Our Way – Strong Culture, Strong Peoples, Strong Families*, and its Action Plans. It is a genuine partnership between Aboriginal communities, Aboriginal services and all areas of the Victorian Government with a shared focus on realising the vision of Dhelk Dja.

Guiding Principles

- Self-determination
- Collaboration and Partnerships
- Strengths-based
- Cultural and trauma informed resilience and healing approaches
- Safety
- Accountability, transparency and honesty of all parties

Dhelk Dja sets out five Strategic Priorities:

Priority One:
Aboriginal culture and leadership

Priority Two:
Aboriginal-led prevention

Priority Three:
Self-determining Aboriginal family violence support and services

Priority Four:
System transformation based on self-determination

Priority Five:
Aboriginal-led and informed innovation, data and research

Dhelk Dja Action Plans

2018–2021	2021–2024	2024–2027
3 Year Action Plan	3 Year Action Plan	3 Year Action Plan
Regional Action Plans	Regional Action Plans	Regional Action Plans

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