

## [South Australian Parliament introduces Aboriginal Representative Body Bill 2022 \(SA\)](#)

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**Abstract:**

In July 2022, the [Aboriginal Representative Body Bill 2022](#) (SA) was introduced to the South Australian House of Assembly by Mr Teague, the Shadow Attorney-General.

As stated by Mr Teague in his second reading speech and contained in [cl 7](#) of the Bill, the main purpose of the Act, if passed, is to "provide Aboriginal persons with a voice that will be heard by the Parliament of South Australia, the Cabinet, state authorities and other persons and bodies". [Clause 7](#) sets out additional purposes of the proposed Act, including:

- to provide Aboriginal persons with an ongoing right to a seat at the table in respect of decision making by the state where the decision affects Aboriginal persons;
- to improve the social, economic and cultural lives of all Aboriginal persons by providing formal means for the advocacy and direct representation of their interests to the parliament, Cabinet and government;
- to encourage Aboriginal cultural values to be included at the forefront of the way in which the business of parliament and government is conducted in South Australia; and
- to support Aboriginal persons to realise their aspirations to determine their own destiny.

Among other things, the proposed Act seeks to:

- establish an Aboriginal Representative Body;
- establish a Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement;
- repeal the [Aboriginal Lands Parliamentary Standing Committee Act 2003](#) (SA) and make a related amendment to the [Parliamentary Committees Act 1991](#) (SA);
- provide definitions for "Aboriginal persons" and "Aboriginal elders"; and
- set out how the proposed legislation would interact with other Acts and laws.

Read the [Aboriginal Representative Body Bill 2022](#) (SA) as introduced in the South Australian House of Assembly.

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