



What the Sacred Document Does and What it Doesn't Do

There are many questions about what our Sacred Document does for the Métis Nation within Saskatchewan, and for our MN-S government. Below is a list of quick facts that reflect what the treaty does, and what it does not do.

- It formally recognizes our MN-S government as the government of the Métis Nation in Saskatchewan.
 - **It doesn't: extend MN-S' jurisdiction beyond Saskatchewan borders**
- It recognizes MN-S jurisdiction over our elections, core governance, and citizenship
 - **It doesn't: tell us how to exercise those areas of jurisdiction**
- It commits Canada to develop a transparent, legal, and thorough path to addressing historic land claims.
 - **It doesn't: immediately grant us ownership of land**
- It protects our rights as constitutional rights so they cannot be undone.
 - **It doesn't: extinguish, diminish, or limit any existing or future rights**
- It recognizes the laws of our government (The MN-S Constitution) and ensures those laws cannot be overruled.
 - **It doesn't: dictate what those laws are**
- It commits Canada to providing stable funding to meet expenditure needs in our recognized areas of jurisdiction, allowing MN-S to be a strong, secure government for future generations.
 - **It doesn't: suddenly grant us access to unlimited funding**
- It provides a pathway for negotiation of future areas of jurisdiction (such as health, child and family services, education and more.)
 - **It doesn't: grant MN-S citizens uninsured health benefits**
- It moves MN-S away from a not-for-profit model to a Métis Government model
 - **It doesn't: tell us what that government has to look like**