



ACT ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AGREEMENT 2019—2028

Delivering equitable outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

SIGNIFICANT FOCUS AREA: CONNECTING THE COMMUNITY

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE CONNECTED TO STRONG FAMILIES, AND SOCIAL AND SUPPORT NETWORKS BUILDING UPON THE FOUNDATION OF COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

WE WILL ACHIEVE THIS OUTCOME BY FOCUSING ON:

- Recognising the value the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community brings to supporting strong families.
- Providing holistic family supports and engagement with government services, other service providers and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.
- Establishing community managed organisations and arrangements to support improved community connections.
- Partnering with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service providers with a view to building trusting relationships and fostering self-determination, leadership and improved outcomes for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.
- Delivering and participating in community events with a focus on celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art, cultures and history.

TARGETS TO ACHIEVE THIS OUTCOME

These targets are indicative and may be updated following the Closing the Gap refresh.

Targets will be monitored and reviewed periodically throughout the implementation of the *ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Agreement 2019-2028*:

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- Increase in strategic partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community organisations and businesses.
- Increase in support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community initiatives and businesses.
- Increase in ACT Government's participation in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community events.
- Increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisations and management committees.



PRIORITY ACTIONS

The Priority Actions will be progressed during the first 18 months of the Agreement. Further actions will be determined over the course of the Agreement.

- Increase the number of opportunities available for establishing community managed organisations and arrangements to support improved community connection and support networks.
- Transition the management of Boomanulla Oval to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community through a community agreed process.
- Work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sports groups to connect the community to sports and events including access to Boomanulla Oval.
- Celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture through delivery of and participation in community events.
- Support and implement the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Consultation Action Plan to foster community artistic and cultural initiatives, and businesses.
- Connect with and strengthen relationships between ACT Government, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community organisations and service providers with a focus on providing holistic supports for families and ensuring they are engaged with appropriate services.

