POSITIVE FUTURES FOR OUR CHILDREN

OUR VISION FOR OUR CHILDREN

All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people are physically, emotionally and spiritually strong; live in safe, caring and nurturing environments within their own families and communities; and are afforded the same life opportunities available to other children and young people to achieve their full potential.

WALK WITH US TO REALISE OUR VISION FOR OUR CHILDREN

We have a strong, clear vision for our children, their families and our communities and we invite you to share in it. But we will not achieve the lives we dream of for our children with current policy and practice. The current system does not and cannot nurture our children, heal our families nor replenish our communities.

Only we can do that. Us, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of Queensland.

And so now it is time for us to reflect on our responsibility to the future and take on the leadership that that demands. And we ask, respectfully but clearly, that our partners and allies walk with us down this path, following our lead.

Positive Futures for Our Children declares our intent to determine the future shape of policy, practice and resourcing with cultural sensitivity and humility as it applies to the wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families in Queensland, so that our children can grow physically, emotionally and spiritually strong.

OUR 10 YEAR ROADMAP FOR CHANGE

By 2032 arrangements to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, families and communities will look very different:

- Strong First Nations organisations across Queensland will hold the responsibility and the authority for supporting our children to grow physically, emotionally and spiritually strong.
- We will decide how best to use public funds to support our children and families and we will flow this resourcing through to locally designed and delivered solutions.
- We will use our authority to pursue the only strategy that offers hope to support our families and communities to provide strong, nurturing environments for our children.
- Where we must make other arrangements to care for our children, our people will provide that care, supported by the appropriate resources.
- We will create new jobs for First Nations people, working with both cultural and technical proficiency to bring out the strength in our people.
- We will lead the development of new practice and new knowledge that combines the best of Indigenous and mainstream ways to heal and replenish our communities. We will be world-leaders in this work.
- It will be commonplace for Indigenous children to excel in all aspects of life and we will share the gift of our cultural heritage with all Queenslanders.

HOW QATSICPP AND ITS MEMBERS WILL BE LEADING

QATSICPP and its member organisations have a special responsibility to deliver on Positive Futures for Our Children. So we will be stepping up to lead in these ways:

1. **Broadening and strengthening our relationships –** we will convene a new conversation with leaders to support our 10 year Roadmap for Change. We invite leaders from Government agencies, leading non-Government partners and from the research and practice communities to join us around the table to help deliver on this vision.
2. **Lighting the way –** we will work with our partners in the Reform Leadership Group to lay out an implementation pathway for the Roadmap for Change.
3. **Designing the game-changers –** we will establish collaborative design teams with our partners and allies to design and deliver the big changes:
    - Investment Reform
    - Delegated Authority
    - Workforce Development
    - Scaling
4. **Member support –** we will support the growth and development of our Members and the First Nations sector in key areas of capability:
    - Practice
    - Systems and Infrastructure
    - Governance
    - Workforce
    - Evidence Creation
5. **Navigating the future –** we will elevate our communications and engagement program to help everyone find their place in the future system: our members, partners, families and allies across the Government and non-Government sectors.
6. **Maintaining a strong, well informed voice –** we will continue to offer leadership and strong professional advocacy on the issues that matter for our children, families and communities.

OUR INVITATION TO OUR PARTNERS AND ALLIES

As First Nations people, determining our own future is the only path to recovery and strength for our community. But we do not seek to walk this path alone. Restoring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to full health is a great purpose to which many allies across society are committed. We welcome and are thankful for your friendship and support. Please walk with us. Please bring your wisdom, knowledge and skills to the task. But please follow our lead and let us determine how best to use the gifts you bring.

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