1. The Queensland Government is committed to job creation and the development of a diverse economy. While this commitment extends to all Queenslanders, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders do not participate equally in Queensland’s economy or labour market.
2. An action under *Moving Ahead*, a whole-of-Government strategy to drive improvements in economic participation outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders, is to develop a Queensland Indigenous (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Procurement Policy (QIPP) that targets an increase in procurement with Indigenous businesses by 2022.
3. Indigenous businesses are significantly more likely to employ Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people, relative to non-Indigenous businesses. Growing Indigenous businesses is a viable pathway to create employment and increase the economic participation of Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people.
4. The QIPP supports Queensland Government agencies to better target their procurement activities to ensure Indigenous businesses can equitably access the procurement spend of the Queensland Government, and deliver improved economic, environmental and social outcomes for Government.
5. Successful implementation of the QIPP would result in the following outcomes for Queensland:
* Increased capacity and capability of Indigenous businesses to successfully tender for Queensland Government contracts.
* Growth and development of a diverse and sustainable Indigenous business sector in Queensland by increasing the capacity and capability of Indigenous businesses to supply to the Queensland Government but also to supply to the private sector through supply chains and increased private sector demand.
* Improved employment outcomes and opportunities for Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people to participate in the Queensland economy.
1. Cabinet endorsed the Queensland Indigenous (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Procurement Policy and its public release.
2. *Attachments*
* [Queensland Indigenous (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Procurement Policy](Attachments/Policy.PDF)