

# Reconciliation – Statement of Intent

## Brisbane North PHN

Reaffirms its commitment to Reconciliation and will work toward the vision of “A united Australia, which respects this land of ours, values the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage and provides justice and equity for all.”

Recognises that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people believe that “Health does not mean the physical well being of an individual but refers to the social, emotional, spiritual and cultural well being of the whole community. This is the whole life view and includes the cyclical concept of life-death-life. Health services should strive to achieve the state where every individual can achieve their full potential as human beings and thus bring about total well being for their communities.”

Recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first Australians, with a unique cultural and spiritual relationship with the land and sea.

Is committed to providing opportunities to all PHN staff to raise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Awareness.

Recognises the significant vision for reconciliation in improving the health status of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people through an increase in the access to high quality health and aged care services.

Is committed to addressing access and equity into primary health care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people wherever they are within Brisbane North. This includes active encouragement and guidance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients to identify in general practice and other primary healthcare services.

Acknowledges that achieving the best outcomes in health will require a combined effort from a range of services and sectors and is committed to developing effective partnerships at national, state, regional and local levels, which include community service delivery arrangements that respond to the health and well being needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Supports and encourages the ongoing need for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to engage and participate in areas of planning and development of primary health care services that contribute to improving Indigenous health outcomes.

Recognises the positive impact on the health outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees are part of the health service delivery, and where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are involved in planning services.



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