## **Acknowledgement of Country**

The Queensland Family and Child Commission (QFCC) acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Custodians across the lands, seas and skies on which we walk, live and work. We recognise Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as two unique peoples, with their own rich and distinct cultures, strengths and knowledge. We celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures across Queensland and pay our respects to their Elders past and present and work for the realisation of the dreams and aspirations that they hold for their future generations.

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle

Stolen generations : grass roots advocacy :<u>Bringing them Home</u>

Legislation across all jurisdictions – placement hierarchy

**<u>2012 Review</u>** found > one dimensional interpretation > application only after removal decision > inconsistent with the intent > identification of 5 constituent elements of the ATSICPP

**2015** – Adopted as national policy position under the National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 3<sup>rd</sup> Action Plan

2016 – QLD becomes first jurisdiction to legislate all 5 elements, applied to all significant decisions

**2017-2020** <u>Active Efforts (ie purposeful, timely and thorough) introduced as legislated standard, and paramount principle amended to reflect the enduring nature and obligations regarding <u>Best Interests (ie not just at a point in time but for the duration of the child's life)</u></u>



## ATSICPP

The ATSICPP is the key legislative and operational safeguard for the rights, including distinct cultural rights, of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people who are involved with, or at risk of entering the statutory child protection system.

 Prevention

 Participation

 Partnership

 Placement

 Connection

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