

Indigenous Procurement Strategy 2022-2025

2023 Update



Acknowledgement of Country

The University of Queensland (UQ) acknowledges the Traditional Owners and their custodianship of the lands on which UQ operates.

We pay our respects to their Ancestors and their descendants, who continue cultural and spiritual connections to Country.

We recognise their valuable contributions to Australian and global society.

Context

UQ can use its procurement spend to provide opportunities to strengthen relationships and understanding with the University's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. This supports an inclusive and empowering environment for all.

UQ Procurement will support these endeavours by providing opportunities and advice to UQ procurement co-ordinators and contract and supplier managers to:

- Engage respectfully with Indigenous businesses to build strong relationships
- Identify and remove barriers to Indigenous businesses being engaged by UQ
- Raising awareness in UQ's procurement and purchasing stakeholders of the opportunities available to engage with Indigenous businesses.

UQ's procurement co-ordinators are encouraged to include one or more Indigenous-owned enterprises in all competitive sourcing activities, including the most basic of seeking multiple quotes.

Initiatives

To ensure effective outcomes and impact, we will look at each potential initiative activity in specific dimensions of:

Activities

Governance

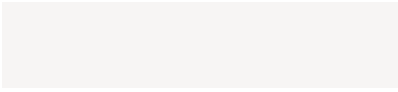
This dimension looks at barriers to the participation of Indigenous businesses in UQ sourcing activities.

| Action detail | Time frame | Measure |
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| <p><i>*extension of UQ's 2021-2022 RAP initiatives</i></p> <p>When updating UQ's procurement and payments policies, procedures and practices consider barriers to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander owned businesses supplying UQ with goods and services or otherwise engaging with UQ</p> | Continuous improvement. | Review and endorsement by UQ and external SMEs |
| Engage with Supply Nation, PASA Connect or other procurement professional associations to better understand what barriers to participation might look like and how to positively impact those barriers | 2Td(and)TjETq3474 16.48 172 135 tt9loshosw (BA yurbFh&••uw(Hy•uy | |

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| UQ will first look to engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses for any goods or services that inherently relate to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander culture | Immediate and ongoing | 100% engagement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses for target expenditure |
| UQ Finance will undertake a review of payment strategies to identify any barriers to Indigenous peoples engaging meaningfully with UQ and receiving timely and appropriate payment for that engagement | Q2 2023 | Identification and implementation of appropriate processes and governance artefacts to support timely and adequate payments |
| UQ will investigate the use of the Supply Nation Member Opportunity Board and adapt practices to communicate UQ procurement activities to Supply Nation members | Q1 2023 – complete analysis of Board and determine appropriate practices Q2 2023 – if use recommended, imbed usage | Usage of Board (assuming recommendation) in 50% of appropriate procurement activities by 1 December 2023 |

Definitions

| Term | Definition |
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| Indigenous business | For the purposes of this Strategy, an Indigenous business may take the form of a company, partnership, incorporated association, trust, not-for-profit organisation or Indigenous Local Council. For reporting purposes, an Indigenous business must meet at least one of the below criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="592 658 608 680">• |



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