

Selection of Indigenous Projects under the Queensland Government Building and Construction Training Policy (Training Policy)

A feature of the Training Policy is the ability of the Director-General of Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DATSIP) to select building or civil construction projects outside of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander communities to be Indigenous projects. Eligible projects that are located in an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community or the Township of Weipa are automatically Indigenous projects.

The criteria for selecting an Indigenous project (outside of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander communities) have been determined by the Director-General, DATSIP and are as follows:

A project can be selected as an Indigenous project if it meets any of the following criteria:

1. The project is proactively identified and proposed to be an Indigenous project by the Director-General of the procuring agency;
2. The project is specifically for the use and benefit of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people (e.g. Aboriginal health centre; cultural centre; social housing).
3. The project is located in one of the priority regional areas determined by DATSIP for Indigenous projects under this policy. Projects in these regions should be **considered** as to whether they should be selected as an Indigenous project, in consultation with DATSIP. A list of these priority regional areas is below.

Priority Regional Areas:

Council Areas: Logan City Council; Moreton Bay Shire Council; Cairns Regional Council; Townsville City Council; Ipswich City Council; Mount Isa City Council; Toowoomba Regional Council; Shire of Carpentaria

Township: Cunnamulla (part of the Paroo Shire Council); Stradbroke Island (part of Redland City Council)

(These priority regional areas have been identified based on strategic assessment of a range of factors, including Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander population, labour supply and unemployment rates.) This approach will enable workforce and skills development to be assessed, planned and coordinated, as projects are able to be clustered.

OR

The project is located outside the priority regional areas and is agreed between the Director-General of the procuring agency and the Director-General of DATSIP.

The Director General of the procuring agency and the Director General of DATSIP may agree for alternate Indigenous training and employment strategies for some designated projects.