

# Queensland Indigenous (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Procurement Policy

The Queensland Government is committed to growing the economy and creating jobs and supporting businesses, including for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and Indigenous businesses.

## What is the QIPP?

The Queensland Indigenous (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Procurement Policy (QIPP) aims to increase the value of Queensland Government contracts awarded to Indigenous businesses. It supports the development, sustainability and growth of Indigenous businesses across Queensland.

The QIPP sets a target that procurement with Indigenous businesses will be 3% of the value of Government's spend by 2022.

The QIPP commenced on 1 September 2017.

## What is an Indigenous business?

For the purposes of the QIPP, an Indigenous business is one that is at least 50 per cent owned by an Aboriginal person or a Torres Strait Islander person.

## Who does it apply to?

The QIPP applies to all Queensland budget sector agencies. It does not apply to Queensland Government owned corporations or the Queensland statutory bodies.

## What are the benefits?

The government's procurement strategy focuses on backing Queensland jobs. It is about ensuring local businesses—particularly Indigenous businesses—are prioritised for government procurement opportunities.

Through the QIPP the government will:

- increase the proportion of the total spend on goods and services supplied by Indigenous businesses
- support and link Indigenous businesses in the Queensland government supply chain

- support non-Indigenous businesses to increase their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workforce when supplying to the Queensland government.

## How will it be implemented?

The QIPP is an agency-led, centrally supported model that aligns with the framework and operation established by the Queensland procurement policy.

The QIPP puts the focus on the government buyer to look for the best opportunity to procure with an Indigenous business.

It encourages government buyers to use set-asides for goods and services delivered to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people – living in remote or discrete communities, or where those goods and services target the needs of a cohort of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

It also encourages selective offer processes where there is a known Indigenous business market to meet the contract.

Set asides and selective offer processes however still need to demonstrate value for money.

The QIPP aligns with the Queensland Procurement Policy (QPP) principles to achieve value for money – noting that procurement can enable the delivery of other Government objectives such as economic, social and environmental outcomes, so value for money does not necessarily mean just the lowest price. The QIPP and its 3% target are embedded in the QPP.

## Further information

[Queensland Indigenous Procurement Policy](#)

[Queensland Procurement Policy](#)

[Black Business Finder](#)

[Contact your DATSIP Regional office](#)