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The Office of the Children's Guardian's vision for reconciliation is that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will be restored to a place of equity, dignity and respect.

Reconciliation Statement

We acknowledge that reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and other Australians is the responsibility of all Australians. We recognise the history of dispossession, colonisation and the continuing discrimination faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We are deeply sorry to the Stolen Generations and their families and descendants. In our role in accrediting and monitoring agencies we recognise and promote connection to culture and identity as an important part of helping children and young people in out-of-home care have a sense of belonging and community. We recognise the significance that family and community play in providing children kinship ties and developing resilience.

We are committed to developing initiatives that practically impact on the daily activities of the Office of the Children's Guardian by adopting an Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan. We will identify and build opportunities to engage and collaborate with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in our work and increase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment and procurement.

We will consult with local communities and Traditional Owners and Elders to develop culturally appropriate resources and programs when delivering education programs to employers and organisations about their child safe responsibilities. In this way, we seek to influence cultural change and collaboration to achieve safe places for children that also take into account connections to culture.

We will partner with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations in a way that is respectful of culture. We believe that to achieve substantial and sustainable change towards reconciliation, solutions must be led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, organisations and peoples.