Queensland Indigenous Council Leaders Accord

A sub-agreement to the Equal Partners in Government Agreement

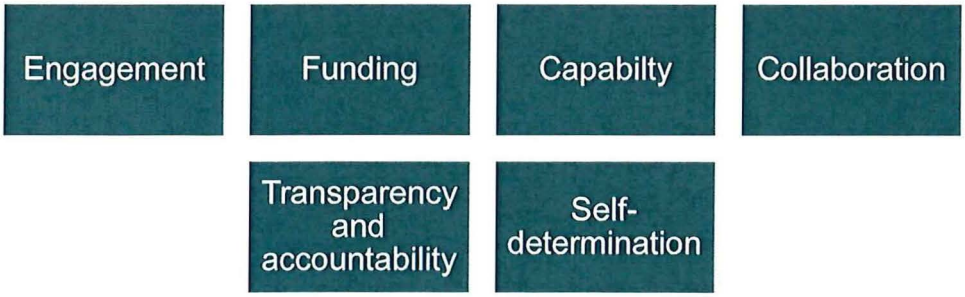
1. Objective

The Queensland Indigenous Councils Leaders Accord (Accord), as a sub-agreement to the *Equal Partners in Government Agreement*, consolidates the partnership between Queensland's 17 discrete First Nations local governments and the Queensland Government.

The Accord's objective is to improve the liveability and opportunities for discrete Indigenous communities through the delivery of economic, social and cultural infrastructure and services, with a focus on progressing outcomes established in the *National Agreement on Closing the Gap*.

2. Principles

The Accord's principles are underpinned by a shared commitment to work in partnership to overcome the inequality experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and achieve life outcomes equal to all Queenslanders.



3. Governance

3.1 Oversight of the Accord

The department responsible for local government is the lead agency for implementation and operation of the Accord on behalf of the Queensland Government.

3.2 Accord Committee

The Queensland Indigenous Council Leaders Accord Committee (Accord Committee) is established as the primary governance structure for the implementation and operation of the Accord.

3.2.1 Membership

The Accord Committee comprises of nominated representatives (or proxies) of:

- the department responsible for local government (Chair)
- mayors of the discrete First Nations local governments (listed in schedule 1)
- Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ)
- the department responsible for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander partnerships
- agencies responsible for progression of identified priorities (time-limited membership while a relevant issue is under consideration)

Departmental representative attendance should be at Director-General level.

3.2.2 Priorities

The mayors of First Nations local governments will identify two priority issues for the Committee which affect their communities and align with Closing the Gap outcomes.

3.2.3 Accord Committee Meetings

The Accord Committee will meet twice a year, on agreed dates coinciding with LGAQ's Indigenous Leaders Forum, to discuss identified priorities.

4. State Cabinet meeting

The members of the Accord Committee will meet annually with the full State Cabinet to report back on progress and escalate significant issues, as required.

5. Operation and review

The Accord aligns with the term of the *Equal Partners in Government Agreement*. Meetings to review the operation of the Accord may be held as required at the request of the Queensland Government or the LGAQ. Changes may be made from time to time by mutual agreement.

Schedule 1 – First Nations local governments

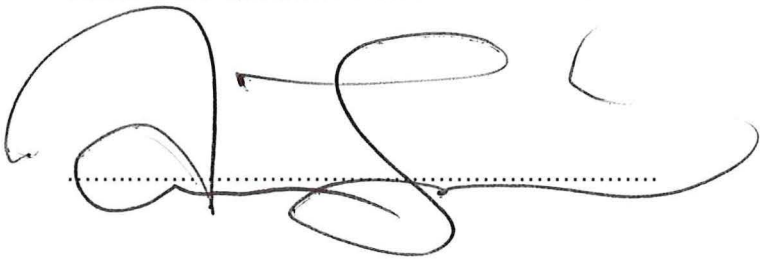
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2. Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council
3. Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council
4. Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council
5. Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council
6. Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council
7. Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council
8. Mornington Shire Council
9. Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council
10. Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council
11. Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council
12. Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council
13. Torres Shire Council
14. Torres Strait Island Regional Council
15. Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council
16. Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
17. Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

Signing Page

Signed by the Honourable Ann Leahy MP, Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers for and on behalf of the Queensland State Government.



Signed by the Honourable Fiona Simpson MP, Minister for Women and Women's Economic Security, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Minister for Multiculturalism on behalf of the Queensland State Government.



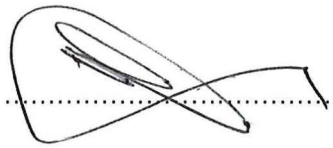
Signed by LGAQ President, Mayor Matt Burnett, of the LGAQ Ltd, on behalf of First Nations Councils.



Signed by LGAQ Policy Executive member, Mayor Wayne Butcher, on behalf of First Nations Councils



Signed by LGAQ Policy Executive member, Mayor Alfred Lacey, on behalf of First Nations Councils.



this 20th day of October 2025.