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Indigenous Procurement Strategy

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In support of our 2023-2025 Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) objectives, Flinders University commits to work with Indigenous suppliers with industry experience, knowledge, and capability needed to deliver products and services that reflect the diversity of Flinders University's customers and the communities in which we operate.

Flinders University recognises that an inclusive supply chain directly supports participation by all, in Australia's economic development.

The Indigenous Procurement Strategy aims to:

- Support mutual economic growth of Indigenous businesses, through direct award of contracts and indirectly via award through non-Indigenous Tier 1 contractors and suppliers
- Create a supply chain that is culturally aware and conducive to meaningful and sustainable careers for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander subcontractors and employees
- Adopt a continuous improvement approach to ensure we constantly strive for best practice

Flinders University will:

- Maintain our existing membership with Supply Nation
- Include requirements for inclusion of Indigenous businesses in our supply chain within our requests for tenders and contracts and implement a KPI regime to monitor commitments made by Tier 1 contractors and suppliers
- Commit to increasing our annual addressable spend with Indigenous businesses to ensure active and sustainable participation by Indigenous businesses in our supply chain
- Hold quarterly business governance reviews to ensure our efforts are monitored and supported by senior level leaders

Flinders university employees and contractors should:

- Be ambassadors in support of initiatives aimed at including Indigenous businesses in Flinders University's supply chain
- Identify, develop and mentor Indigenous businesses to ensure the capability to participate in Flinders University's supply chain
- Communicate business opportunities to relevant Indigenous businesses
- Facilitate introductions of Indigenous businesses to non Indigenous Tier 1 contractors and suppliers.
- Assist all businesses in responding to requests for proposals through pre-event information sessions and post event feedback sessions

How will we do this?

- Our updated Purchasing Policy has reduced barriers for Indigenous businesses in a number of ways including reduced requirements for quotations, and ability for shorter payment terms
- We will post current and future opportunities for Indigenous businesses on the Supply Nation Member Opportunity Board (MOB board)
- We will provide opportunities for Indigenous businesses to meet with University stakeholders
- We will improve our measurement of spend data with Indigenous businesses
- We should welcome meeting with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses to discuss how we could work with them in the future, including achievable payment terms and insurance requirements

What we've achieved so far?

With our new Innovate RAP, we are looking to build on what we've achieved from our first RAP, which includes:

- Engagement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural advisors to support the design process for new buildings and surrounds, including the new Health and Medical Research Building
- Engagement of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander supplier to support our cyber security efforts
- Engagement of local Indigenous Corporations to support our teaching and research programs in regional and remote South Australia and the Northern Territory
- Commissioning of local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists to design key art installations across the University campuses, including the new Health and Medical Research Building and the new city campus
- Inclusion of Indigenous employment and procurement targets into KPI's into key service contracts
- Conducted an initial Indigenous Procurement Showcase to highlight Indigenous supplier opportunities to University staff
- Established partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community groups to support various University activities

How will we ensure we are working directly with Indigenous Businesses?

There are a few ways we can check that a supplier meets the requirements to be considered an Indigenous supplier. To be a Certified Indigenous Business, they must be one of the following:

- Supply Nation certified (supplynation.org.au),
- a formally recognised Traditional Land Owner Corporation,
- a Prescribed Body Corporate; or
- an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporation that is registered with the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC).

By checking that the supplier meets these requirements, we will have assurance that our business with them will help to support Indigenous economic development.

If you're not sure that a supplier meets the requirements, please check with the Procurement team.

About Flinders

Established in 1966, Flinders University was born in an era of profound social, political, and technological change. A product of these times, we are an institution that has always been, and always will be, ready to step away from the security of the familiar to forge new ways forward.

Building on 50 years of achievement, we have a vision to be internationally recognised as a world leader in research, an innovator in education, and the source of Australia's most enterprising graduates.

With our core values of integrity, courage, innovation, and excellence, we have a bold mission to change lives and change the world.

"There is an old saying that happiness is not a destination but a way of life. Reconciliation is the same, we need to think about reconciliation in the same way. Reconciliation needs to become our way."

Dr Uncle Richard Fejo, Senior Larrakia Elder and Senior Elder on-campus, Darwin.

Headquartered in Adelaide, South Australia, we offer exceptional teaching on campus and online, with a physical presence extending across multiple locations.

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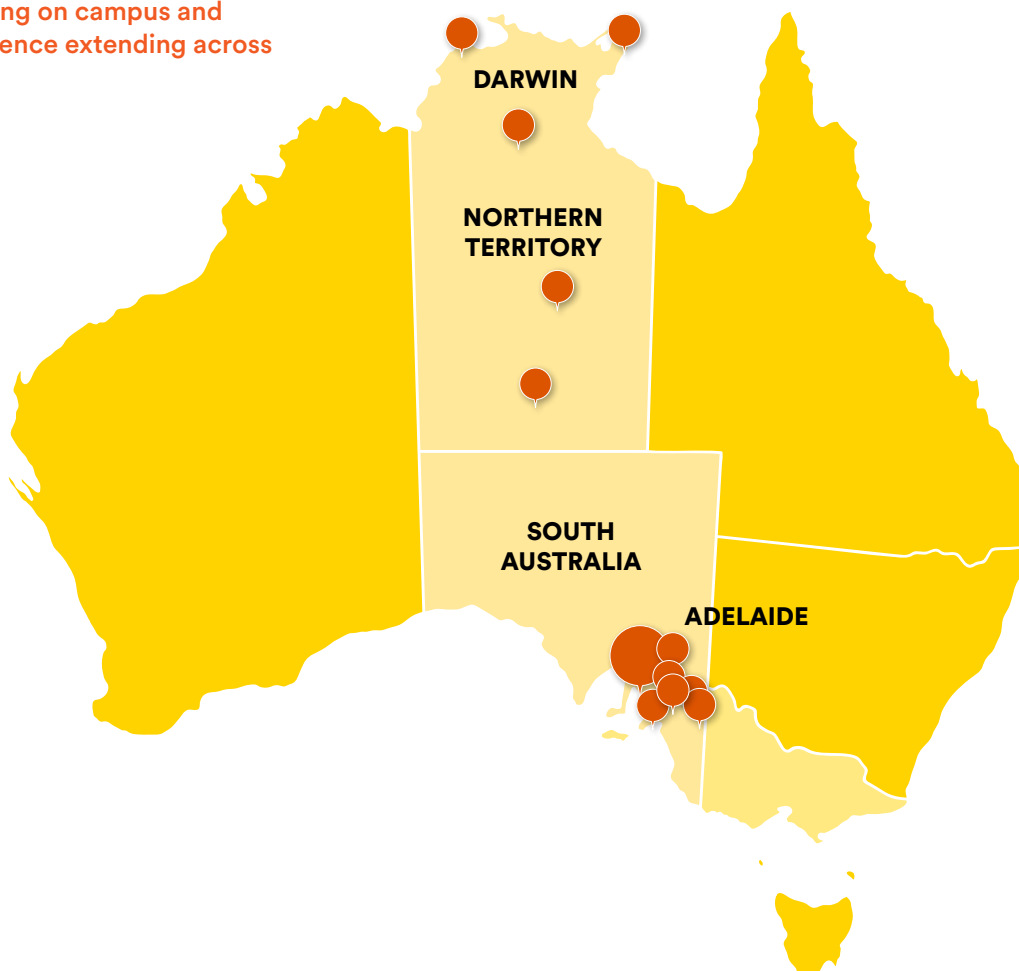
Bedford Park
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Festival Plaza (2024)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Barossa
Berri
Mount Gambier
Murray Bridge
Renmark
Victor Harbor

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Alice Springs
Darwin
Katherine
Nhulunbuy
Tennant Creek



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