

Statement of Reconciliation

The South Australian Justice Portfolio declares its public commitment to work towards achieving reconciliation between indigenous and non indigenous people of Australia. The Portfolio shares the vision of the former Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation and Reconciliation Australia for:

" A united Australia which respects this land of ours; values the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage and provides justice and equity for all "

The people of the Justice Portfolio acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the original owners and traditional custodians of Australia and support Reconciliation Australia's desire to sustain the uniqueness of Indigenous culture, heritage and unique spiritual relationships with the land and sea.


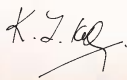



The Justice Portfolio recognises past injustices and expresses its deep and sincere regret for the impact of past policies on the social and economic status, health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. In particular we acknowledge our responsibility to redress the resultant over representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the criminal justice system, and as victims of crime.

The Justice Portfolio is committed to leading a culturally responsive justice system and to ensuring that South Australia is a fair and safe place for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to live, work and visit.

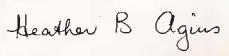
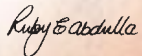
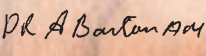


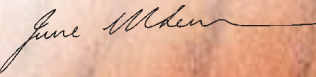
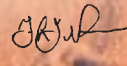
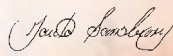


We the people of the Justice Portfolio undertake to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to achieve reconciliation by:

- building the confidence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in justice processes;
- enhancing the safety of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities;
- reducing crime and its social and economic impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people;
- embodying the substance and spirit of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths In Custody across the Justice Portfolio;
- promoting the unique culture and, diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people;
- fostering a portfolio culture that is inclusive of, respectful of and responsive to, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people;
- promoting access to justice services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in South Australia;
- strengthening sustainable partnerships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and the Justice Portfolio;
- reviewing and reporting on the progress towards reconciliation within the Justice Portfolio.

Signed by the Justice Portfolio Leadership Group on this day the 30th of May 2002:

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