



Statement of commitment

A message from our Director-General

I am pleased to present the Department of Youth Justice (DYJ) *Come together, talk together, walk together: Reframing the relationship plan 2023–2025*.



We recognise and appreciate Australia's richest cultural heritage. We are committed to gaining a greater understanding and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and cultures and, importantly, First Nations young people who enter the system.

We have valuable and committed Youth Justice employees dedicated to reducing over representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people entering the system. With this plan, as we work to reframe relationships, the department will continue to make significant progress towards Path to Treaty.

The National Agreement on Closing the Gap states that to achieve better life outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, we need to address socio-economic targets and outcomes within 10 years. By 2031, a key priority area is to reduce the rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people in detention by at least 30 per cent.

I am genuine in my commitment towards reconciliation and will lead the way to ensure that everyone's role within the department is to reset, refresh and reconsider our way forward in reframing the relationship with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people and families throughout Queensland.

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Director-General

Department of Youth Justice