1. The *draft Queensland Plan: a 30 year vision for Queensland* set a target that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will experience the same level of workforce participation as non-Indigenous Queenslanders.
2. In December 2013, the Queensland Government released its new *Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Economic Participation Framework*. The Framework is an important step towards achieving the draft Queensland Plan target. It aims to increase the economic independence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Queensland through employment and business ownership.
3. The *Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Economic Participation Action Plan* outlines the actions the State Government will take, in partnership with other stakeholders and all levels of government, to achieve the Framework’s objectives under four areas for action:
* Individual Capacity: providing education and vocational education and training, and addressing practical barriers to employment;
* Direct Employment: linking Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to employment opportunities;
* Government infrastructure, services and policy: changing the way government delivers infrastructure and services, as well as policy changes to support employment and economic development; and
* Private and other sector business and partnerships: providing support for existing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander businesses through joint venture and collaboration with larger businesses and non-government organisations.
1. The *Action Plan* outlines 34 actions across 12 agencies to enable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders to participate in Queensland’s growing economy through increased employment and labour force participation, career development, and land, home and business ownership.
2. The *Action Plan* contains a number of actions aimed at enhancing opportunities for education and training. This includes the establishment of a new Indigenous Vocational Education Partnership, which will provide $1 million each year to 2016–17, to provide accredited training and assessment services that will improve employment outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders.
3. Cabinet endorsed the *Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Economic Participation Action Plan*.
4. *Attachments*
* [*Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Economic Participation Action Plan*](Attachments/Plan.pdf)