

Bandarran Marra'Gu: Gathering Strength Summit

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The **Bandarran Marra'Gu: Gathering Strength Summit** (19 and 20 May) was a pivotal moment for Queensland First Nations community members to come together and share knowledge, lived experiences and strategies for change.

As hosts of the Summit, the Queensland Human Rights Commission, in partnership with the Australian Human Rights Commission and Queensland Family and Child Commission, sincerely thanks all delegates, who dedicated their time, shared their perspectives and engaged constructively in an opportunity to rethink the advancement, promotion and protection of the human rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Queensland.

The Summit was coordinated on behalf of the three Commissions to provide a safe, respectful space for First Nations community members to come together, to reflect, to gather strength and to collectively affirm our commitment and responsibilities to our children and young people, to discuss actions to support self-determination. The discussion was spirited, and varying views were welcomed, considered and respected.

We are very grateful to all who attended for their considered, deeply felt and generous contributions to the discussions and their willingness to listen to a diversity of perspectives and ideas.

The Statement produced at the conclusion of the Summit is a strong testament to the unified commitment to change that was evident throughout the Summit.

As organising Commissions, we engaged with media outlets to promote the Summit's intent and outcomes to a wider audience. We thank Summit participants who supported these media engagements.

Soon, a working group will be convened to consider next steps to ensure that we continue to build on the Summit's momentum and the urgent need to protect the rights of First Nations children and young people.

We are proud to have supported this important event and will continue to provide updates about next steps and opportunities to continue the meaningful work.

Background

Media Statement [here](#)

Gathering Strength Statement [here](#)