



Reconciliation Statement

Questacon – The National Science and Technology Centre’s vision is for a better future for all Australians through engagement with science and innovation. We value openness, creativity, teamwork, collaboration and partnerships.

“By addressing the key areas of housing, health, education, training, employment, and relationships, respect and rights we can close the 17-year gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.” (Reconciliation Australia, 2006)

Questacon is committed to improving educational outcomes for Indigenous Australians. Through this commitment, Questacon aims to help address Indigenous Australians’ disadvantage.

Questacon respects Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the first Australians. We value the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, languages and relationships with land and sea and the history of Indigenous Australians. We recognise that past policies and actions continue to have a negative impact on Indigenous Australians.

Questacon’s practical, hands-on programs are designed to adapt to a range of learning styles. We understand that education programs for Indigenous Australians need to acknowledge the cultural context and to be responsive to the needs and values of people in remote communities, as well as in regional and metropolitan areas.

Questacon acknowledges the importance of, and aims to include, input from Indigenous Australians when developing new programs, services and activities.

Questacon is committed to the development of employment strategies to increase the participation of Indigenous Australians as staff at Questacon.

Reconciliation is an on-going and dynamic process that involves Indigenous and non-Indigenous people planning and working together to tackle the challenges still faced by many Indigenous Australians.

Questacon is committed to its Reconciliation Action Plan. All Questacon staff have been consulted and encouraged to identify ways they can contribute to Reconciliation.

“Reconciliation involves justice, recognition and healing. It’s about helping all Australians move forward with a better understanding of the past and how the past affects the lives of Indigenous people today.” (Reconciliation Australia, 2006)