

Acknowledgement of Country Resource

An Acknowledgement of Country is a way to recognise and pay respect to Aboriginal people as the Traditional Owners and ongoing custodians of the land. An Acknowledgement of Country should be delivered at the beginning of events and meetings to recognise the connection that Traditional Owners maintain with their lands and waters.

There are many different ways to make an Acknowledgement of Country, and the words can vary. We have provided an example below, however people are encouraged to conduct an Acknowledgement of Country in a way that is personal and specific to place. It is important to identify who are the Traditional Owners of the land on which the event is held, as the acknowledgement should identify them.

I/We begin today by acknowledging the (insert name of people i.e. Larrakia) people, Traditional Owners of the land on which we gather/meet today, and pay my respects to their Elders past and present. I extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

