

# The City of Campbelltown Reconciliation Statement

Campbelltown City Council acknowledges that it is located on the traditional Country of the Kaurna People and respects their physical and spiritual connection to Country. Council pays respect to Kaurna heritage. Council also acknowledges Elders past, present, and future and the continuing importance of their living culture.

Our commitment to the process of Reconciliation is one of mutual learning, respect and understanding. Council acknowledges the strength, courage and survival of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and the ongoing impact of history in relation to their land, culture, language, spirituality, communities and families.

Council recognises the significance of the Bringing Them Home Report 1998, Uluru Statement from the Heart 2017 and Reconciliation Australia's five pillars of Reconciliation in informing this Statement.

**The following principles will guide Council in the Reconciliation process:**

**1. Voice** – When addressing key issues of interest in the community, Council will seek the advice and participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

**2. Relationships** - Council recognises and values Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous Australian cultures, heritage, rights and experiences, which results in stronger relationships based on trust, respect and are free of racism.

**3. Truth telling** – Council understands the importance of truth in Australian history. Council accepts the wrongs of the past and the ongoing impact of these wrongs and will seek ways to address these including advocating with, and for, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

**4. Equality and Equity** - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples participate equally in community life in Campbelltown and the unique rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples are recognised and upheld.

**5. Commemoration** – Council supports the protection of Kaurna sacred and significant places in the City of Campbelltown.

**6. Capacity** – Council's commitment to Reconciliation is demonstrated through policies, processes and practices.

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