



DEFENCE INDIGENOUS PROCUREMENT STRATEGY

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On 1 July 2015, the Commonwealth Government launched the **Indigenous Procurement Policy (IPP)**. The policy aims to drive demand for Indigenous goods and services, stimulating Indigenous economic development and growing the Indigenous business sector.

Defence has performed well for contracts awarded to Indigenous suppliers but acknowledges more can and should be done. This Strategy represents Defence's commitment and pathway to delivering IPP outcomes.

As the Commonwealth's largest procurer, Defence is well positioned to take a leading role in supporting Indigenous

procurement opportunities. Within the Commonwealth Procurement Rules framework and achieving value for money, Defence's Indigenous Procurement Strategy is designed to maximise the number of contracts awarded to Indigenous businesses.

Through strong leadership, raised awareness and clear communication, Defence is well positioned to deliver on supplier diversity and specific Indigenous engagement outcomes across our procurement environment.

The IPP is not purely a Government initiative to award more contracts to Indigenous suppliers, it will stimulate Indigenous

entrepreneurship and businesses, and will result in increased employment opportunities within Indigenous communities.

More broadly, the IPP will contribute to the Government's efforts in **Closing the Gap**.

This Strategy supports Defence's key role in leading the implementation of the IPP. It will also contribute to achieving our goals under the **Defence Reconciliation Action Plan**.

Support Indigenous Procurement – Help Defence make a difference

DELIVERING THE DEFENCE INDIGENOUS PROCUREMENT STRATEGY – 3 PRIORITY AREAS FOR ACTION



COMMITTED LEADERSHIP

Increasing the number of contracts and business relationships with the Indigenous sector, through accountable and effective leadership across Defence.

- » Group Heads and Service Chiefs championing IPP business opportunities within their Group or Service.
- » Promoting consistent and clear expectations in engaging Indigenous businesses.
- » Support the Defence IPP Working Group as a mechanism for promoting Indigenous Procurement best practice.



INCLUSIVE CULTURE AND BEHAVIOUR

A strong organisational culture and procurement behaviours that instil a 'business as usual' approach to recognising and implementing the IPP.

- » Engaging and educating staff on IPP requirements and Indigenous business capability.
- » Promoting a positive culture among Defence personnel to engaging Indigenous suppliers.
- » Establishing IPP reporting frameworks to monitor Group and Service contributions to Defence's Portfolio target.



PROACTIVE COMMUNICATION

Celebrating IPP outcomes and good news stories to reinforce the importance of Defence delivering IPP outcomes.

- » Ongoing collaboration in Defence through the IPP Working Group to implement, monitor progress and adjust the IPP Strategy.
- » Enhancing Indigenous business matching activities by increasing awareness of Indigenous Business directories and databases.
- » Communicating Indigenous business opportunities and events.

