

Department of Customer Service Aboriginal Customer Engagement Strategy 2020 - 2025

Vision

To be the world's most customer-centric government

Purpose

Customers and communities can expect government services to be trustworthy, effective and easy no matter who they are, where they are or what they need

Values

Service | Integrity
Trust | Accountability

Vision of the Strategy

Aboriginal customers receive services and support in culturally safe and respectful ways to ensure full inclusion in social and economic opportunities in NSW.

Our principles



Aboriginal self-determination

Aboriginal people have the right to live according to their cultural values and beliefs and to have that right respected by others.



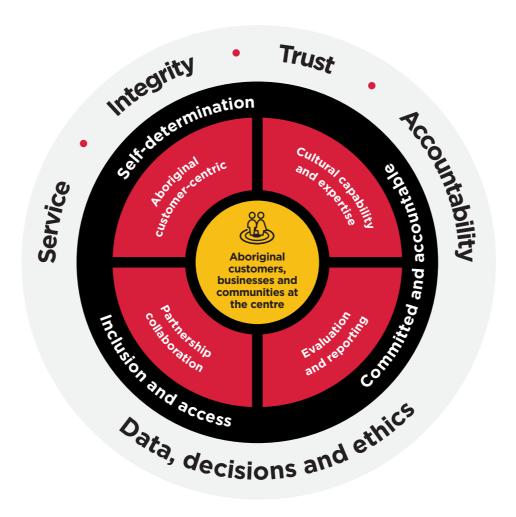
Inclusion and access to services

Service delivery design will be created in partnership with Aboriginal people to ensure access to services that benefit them and their communities.



Committed and accountable

We're committed to Aboriginal centric service delivery, providing the necessary resources, measuring impact and responding to Aboriginal customer feedback.



Premier's Priorities



- Putting customer at the centre of everything we do
- Breaking the cycle of disadvantage
- Better Customer Service
- Government made easy
- World class public service

Legislative context



- Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998 (PPIPA) (NSW)
- Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002 (HRIPA) (NSW)
- Privacy Act 1988 (Cth)
- Service NSW (One-stop Access to Government Services) Act 2013 (Service NSW Act)
- Data Sharing Act 2015
- Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983

Outcomes



- Aboriginal customers feel safe and comfortable and informed about accessing services provided by Customer Service, and they have choices about how they engage with these services.
- Aboriginal people use the services and benefit from the opportunities provided by Customer Service.

- Aboriginal businesses receive the support they need to start and grow their business, become competitive in the market and benefit from the NSW economy.
- All Customer Service employees respectfully engage with Aboriginal customers and employees, demonstrating an understanding and appreciation for Aboriginal culture and ways of working.

Aboriginal people are employed across all business units with the priority of employing customer facing Aboriginal employees at all levels of seniority.

Links



- Department of Customer Service (Customer Service)
 Aboriginal Employment Strategy
- Service NSW Cultural Program
- Revenue NSW Hardship Program
- Births, Deaths & Marriages Our Kids Count Campaign

- BRD Aboriginal Engagement and Education Strategy 2021-2024
- SBS Inclusion Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Course
- Disability Inclusion Action Plan
- NSW Implementation on Closing the Gap

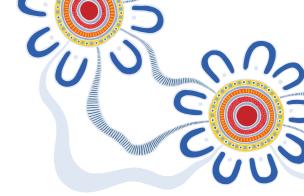
- Living Well in Focus 2020 2024
- Gayaa Dhuwi (Proud Spirit) Declaration and National Strategic Framework
- Aboriginal Procurement Policy





Message Sticks

Actions and deliverables



Quick view

| 1. Customers | 2. Employees | 3. Partnerships | 4. Evaluation |
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| Local plans Face-to-face outreach Communication products Welcoming customer sites Inclusive of people with a disability | Cultural Capability Impact Statement Capability training Supportive workplace Raise awareness of Aboriginal Procurement Policy | Local partnerships Customer Service and Aboriginal organisations Working across NSW Government Supporting Aboriginal businesses | Evaluation frameworkAboriginal people to voluntarily identifyAboriginal customer feedbackAboriginal complaints mechanism |

Detailed view

| 1. Creating Aboriginal customer-centric engagement | 21/22 | 22/23 | 23/24 |
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| Co-design localised Aboriginal Customer Engagement Plans. | | • | • |
| Provide regular face-to-face outreach service delivery within existing local Aboriginal organisations. | • | • | • |
| Design and create localised communication products that reach Aboriginal people and communities. | • | • | • |
| Design more welcoming customer service sites for Aboriginal people and people with a disability. | | | • |
| Be inclusive of Aboriginal customers with a disability. | • | • | • |

| 2. Equipping Customer Service employees with cultural capability and expertise | 21/22 | 22/23 | 23/24 |
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| Aboriginal Cultural Capability Impact Statement and evaluation tool to gauge how inclusive, safe and welcoming customer sites are, and the areas for improvement. | • | • | • |
| Aboriginal capability training including on-line learning and cultural immersion activities. | | Ø | Ø |
| Supportive workplace for Aboriginal employees, respectful of values, diversity of customs, cultures and beliefs. | | Ø | Ø |
| Raise awareness of and promote implementation of the NSW Aboriginal Procurement Policy. | | Ø | Ø |

| 3. Building partner collaboration | 21/22 | 22/23 | 23/24 |
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| Coordinated approach across Customer Service. | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Formalise partnerships that connect government to community-based Aboriginal organisations. | | ✓ | ✓ |
| Establish a cross government Aboriginal working group to share data, ideas and experience. | | | ✓ |
| Support Aboriginal owned businesses to access procurement opportunities. | | ✓ | ✓ |

| 4. Evaluating and refining the Strategy through improved data collection and reporting | 21/22 | 22/23 | 23/24 |
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| Aboriginal Customer Engagement Evaluation Framework. | • | | |
| Agreement on an approach to respectfully and appropriately identify Aboriginal customers. | • | • | • |
| Aboriginal customer feedback mechanism. | • | • | • |
| Aboriginal complaints mechanism and tool. | • | • | • |