

## NSW Joint Council on Closing the Gap

COMMUNIQUÉ – 30 August 2023

NSW Joint Council on Closing the Gap met on 30 August 2023. The Honourable David Harris MP, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty Co-chaired the meeting with NSW Coalition of Aboriginal Peak Organisations (CAPO) Co-chair Councillor Anne Dennis. Attendees included senior leaders from NSW CAPO and the NSW Premier's Department. Key discussions and outcomes are detailed below.

**Acknowledgement of Country and opening statements** NSW Joint Council paid respects to Elders and traditional owners, acknowledging their continuing custodianship of lands. The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Treaty emphasised the importance of ongoing commitment to the genuine partnership approach to deliver Closing the Gap.

### NSW Partnership Agreement

The NSW Joint Council noted the progress of the Partnership Agreement and restated ongoing commitment to working in genuine partnership.

### Ministerial progress meetings and reporting

NSW Joint Council noted the structure for the Ministerial progress meetings and noted that revisions would be made to the reporting information to enhance the information collected, increase visibility of key progress indicators, and improve exchange of information to increase monitoring and accountability.

### Delivery Plans

NSW Joint Council endorsed the draft delivery plan for the One Stop Shop initiative under Socio-Economic Outcome 15.

### Update on National Governance

NSW Joint Council members heard an update on key items from recent national governance meetings.

### Aboriginal Language Trust

The Aboriginal Language Trust presented to the NSW Joint Council and provided an update on their work across NSW and the national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages policy partnership.