

ASSOCIATIONS INCORPORATION ACT 1981

Section 5(b)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

OF

SECRETARIAT OF NATIONAL ABORIGINAL AND ISLANDER CHILD CARE INCORPORATED

1 Name

The name of the incorporated association is Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care Incorporated, otherwise known as “SNAICC” (the “**Association**”).

2 Principal purpose

The principal purpose for which the Association is established is to engage in activities that promote and accommodate a strong voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families through a national body which represents Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and children’s services and provides direct aid to and promotes the rights, needs and aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families.

3 Ancillary purposes

To achieve the principal purpose set out in clause 2, the Association may, among other things:

- (a) undertake activities, programs and training towards the elimination of all forms of poverty and confront injustice which impacts upon the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.
- (b) pursue Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community based and controlled responses to the welfare and support needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families.
- (c) promote the early childhood development needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children.
- (d) advocate for the cultural, emotional, social, spiritual, physical and economic needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families.
- (e) support public awareness and understanding of the historical and contemporary practices whereby Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children have been forcibly removed from their families and the ongoing consequences of these practices.

- (f) assist in the provision of relief from poverty, sickness, suffering and distress for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families, including (but without being limited to) the provision of:
 - (i) resources and training for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to encourage, assist, promote and provide quality services for the care and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families;
 - (ii) resources, training and advice for member organisations, the wider community, government, and non government organisations to encourage, assist, promote and provide quality services for the care and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families;
 - (iii) encouragement, support and assistance for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to develop independent and sustainable responses to the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families; and
 - (iv) encouragement, support and assistance for member organisations to develop independent and sustainable responses to the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families.
- (g) undertake or promote research work relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children's health and wellbeing.
- (h) collaborate with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, governments, non government agencies, the corporate sector, international organisations and others in pursuing the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and the means of achieving such rights.
- (i) advocate for the right of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children to grow up in a community free from child abuse, child neglect and the harmful effects of violence through the alleviation of poverty.
- (j) support the development of policy positions on issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and promote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives on such issues to governments, other relevant bodies and the broader community.
- (k) highlight and seek recognition of the positive contribution Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families make to their communities and the nation.
- (l) disseminate information relating to the programs and services provided by the Association and to produce, edit, publish, issue, sell, circulate and preserve such papers, periodicals, books, circulars and other literary matters as are conducive to the Association's principal purposes;
- (m) establish and maintain relationships and close communications with other corporations, entities, associations, foundations, institutions, organisations and groups including Federal, State and Local Government instrumentalities, authorities and professionals that may have related interests to the Association and utilise their resources and facilities to provide and achieve the principal purposes of the Association;
- (n) seek and co-ordinate funding from Federal, State and Local Government, the philanthropic and private sectors in the form of grants, gifts, donations and bequests committed to the principal purposes of the Association;

- (o) encourage, promote and create greater community awareness in the knowledge and understanding of the principal purposes of the Association and the impact on communities as a whole;
- (p) provide or attract funds to facilitate the purposes of the Association, especially for the conduct of public awareness programs including education, relationship and community programs; and
- (q) do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the principal purposes of the Association.

4 No profit or gain to Members

For the purposes of clauses 2 and 3, the Association will not be carried on for the purposes of profit or gain to its individual Members and the income and property of the Association, however and wherever derived, will be applied solely towards the promotion of the purposes of the Association. No portion of the income or property of the Association will be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, to the Members of the Association but nothing contained in this Statement of Purposes will prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Association or to any Member of the Association in return for any services actually rendered to the Association or for goods supplied in the ordinary and usual way of business.