



7th Annual QTIC Tourism Indigenous Employment Forum

Larrakia Declaration on the Development of Indigenous Tourism

The 7th Annual QTIC Indigenous Tourism Employment Forum was held on the traditional lands of the Yuggera people on 8 November 2017.

Over 150 delegates representing Indigenous communities, government agencies, the tourism industry and supporting bodies, resolved to endorse the following principles developed by the *Pacific Asia Indigenous Tourism Conference in Darwin 2012*, to guide the development of Indigenous tourism in Queensland.

- Respect for customary law and lore, land and water, traditional knowledge, traditional cultural expressions, cultural heritage that will underpin all tourism decisions.
- Indigenous culture and the land and waters on which it is based, will be protected and promoted through well managed tourism practices and appropriate interpretation.
- Indigenous peoples will determine the extent and nature and organizational arrangements for their participation in tourism and that governments and multilateral agencies will support the empowerment of Indigenous people.
- That governments have a duty to consult and accommodate Indigenous peoples before undertaking decisions on public policy and programs designed to foster the development of Indigenous tourism.
- The tourism industry will respect Indigenous intellectual property rights, cultures and traditional practices, the need for sustainable and equitable business partnerships and the proper care of the environment and communities that support them.
- That equitable partnerships between the tourism industry and Indigenous people will include the sharing of cultural awareness and skills development which support the well-being of communities and enable enhancement of individual livelihoods.



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