

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CDEP – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT EMPLOYMENT PROJECT.

CDEP is the Australian Government's Indigenous employment assistance program. A major employer in the CDEP scheme is often the local community council.

COMMUNITY – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people live in rural and remote communities, provincial and regional towns, and urban /metropolitan areas.

ELDER – A respected person within the specific Indigenous community is termed an Elder. Elders are turned to for advice – both by their own communities, and by non-Indigenous people wishing to consult with and engage with local communities.

MISSIONS – The term mission is usually used to describe former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander reserves, which were administered by either the government or a religious organisation. In Queensland, many 'Deed of Grant in Trust' (DOGIT) communities historically were missions and government-controlled reserves (1986 Act in Qld). Many other state and territory governments have changed the status of missions or reserves in each jurisdiction.

INDIGENOUS – This is an internationally recognised word referring to the native/historic inhabitants of a land that has been subjected to invasion or colonisation by another ethnic group. Many of the native/historic inhabitants of Australia prior to European colonisation prefer not to use the word "Indigenous", but either "Aboriginal" or "Torres Strait Islander", or a generic terms for people from their area. In this report, the term 'Indigenous' will be used interchangeably with the terms 'Aboriginal, or 'Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander'. When talking about Indigenous people in a particular local context, the appropriate word for people that region may also be used.

KOORIE (OR KOORI) – the generic word for Indigenous people from southeast Australia (mainly Victoria and New South Wales).

MURRI – the generic word for Indigenous people in most of Queensland, except Cape York where 'Bama' is used.

BAMA – the generic word for Indigenous people from Cape York region.

NYUNGAR (OR NUNGAH, NYOONGA, NOONGA) – the generic word for Indigenous people from Western Australia.

NUNGA – the generic word for Indigenous people from South Australia.

ANANGU is used to identify the Pitjantjatjara and Yankuntjatjara people of Central Australia.

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