

2022 QPS Environmental Scan Innovative Projects and Initiatives

Name of project / initiative: QPS First Nations Reference Group

Work unit/s responsible: First Nations and Multicultural Affairs

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Please provide a brief synopsis of the project below:

Queensland's First Nations population is projected to increase with an average annual growth rate of between 2.1% and 2.4% to 315,585 persons in 2031 (Australian Bureau of Statistics estimates). A doubling in the number of First Nations person aged 55 years and over and substantial increase in the cohort of First Nations children (0-14) years will require considered and innovative community safety strategies to be developed through engagement with community.

The QPS First Nations Reference Group has been established by the First Nations Liaison Unit within the First Nations and Multicultural Affairs portfolio to strengthen relationships and promote transparency between the QPS and First Nations communities. It enables the QPS and First Nations community members to come together to share information about policing and prevention activities, discuss important statewide issues and seek community input and feedback. Members include community leaders, community elders, Queensland and Australian Government representatives and academics to offer either practical, expertise or cultural advice to the QPS.