

# QUEENSLAND THEATRE

20 January 2021

## A STATEMENT FROM QUEENSLAND THEATRE

Queensland Theatre acknowledges that recent social media activity referencing our Company has caused deep hurt for many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Any action that causes pain and division within the community is unacceptable and we must take steps to heal any wrongdoing.

We apologise for the harm that has been caused and the time it has taken us to respond to the heightened social media commentary this week, acknowledging the further upset this delay has caused some people.

In finding the path forward we have tried to keep as our highest priority the best interests of First Nations peoples, our audiences and our employees.

In light of this, Queensland Theatre and the contractor involved in the social media commentary have mutually agreed to end our working relationship.

We know these are difficult and often painful conversations. We will be reaching out for further discussions and understanding of all lived experiences. As a step towards this greater understanding, we will be guided by our Indigenous Reference Group at its next meeting in February.

We are committed to engaging with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and ensuring stronger representation across the Company and our activities.

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Queensland Theatre acknowledges the Jagera and Turrbal people who are the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work. We pay our respects to their Elders both past and present, and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.