Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People in Queensland’s Construction Industry

2018 At a glance

A THIRD MORE PREFERRED:
Indigenous workers are 1/3 more likely to be in construction than in another industry

AMPLE APPRENTICE APPETITE:
The Indigenous apprentice intake has increased an average of 5.1% each year over the last five years

PATHWAY TO HIGHER PAY:
Over the last ten years there has been an increase of Indigenous apprentices on a pathway to higher-skilled, better-paid jobs

COMPLETION RATE CONCERNING:
Only half of the 2016 Indigenous apprentice cohort are expected to complete their apprenticeship

INCOME GAP:
There is an unexplained income gap of 14%, on average, between Indigenous and non-Indigenous workers

GENUINE GAINS:
Initiatives around jobs and skills are important to improving living standards but must be genuine and culturally calibrated

PART OF THE BIG PICTURE:
The construction industry is well placed to continue to help close the gap given its existing programs and reach across Australia

VET A SOLID BET:
The VET sector has a long history of supporting Indigenous workers and CSQ will continue to work with industry to harness opportunities

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