

## Project Fact Sheet: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People in the guardianship system

### The Public Advocate

The role of the Public Advocate is to protect and promote the rights, autonomy and participation of all Queenslanders with impaired decision-making capacity through statutory systems advocacy. We are committed to an evidence-based approach that explores and extends our knowledge and influence on inclusive policy, programs and practices to promote improved life opportunities and outcomes for these vulnerable Queenslanders.

In 2011 the Office of the Public Advocate funded a joint research project undertaken by Griffith, Central Queensland and James Cook Universities. That project highlighted many knowledge gaps including limited information regarding how many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have contact with the guardianship system in Queensland.

Since that time improvements in the way data is collected in some agencies has provided an opportunity to obtain more information to complement existing research on guardianship for Indigenous Queenslanders.

### Purpose of this project

The Office of the Public Advocate will work with key agencies in the guardianship system to ascertain the proportion of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Queenslanders in the guardianship system.

### What we will do

The Public Advocate will publish a fact sheet with that will summarise the representation and profile of Indigenous Queenslanders in the guardianship system.

### Other publications and resources

Updates, reports and related resources as they become available will be published on the Office of the Public Advocate website at [www.publicadvocate.qld.gov.au](http://www.publicadvocate.qld.gov.au).

### Contact us

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