

## **Central Queensland Indigenous Development (CQID) Ltd Nomination**

As a step towards greater self-determination for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families, CQID is working closely with the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs to operationalise the implementation of changes to the Child Protection Act 1999, which allow for certain legal authorities that the Department's Director-General holds, to be delegated to CEOs of community controlled organisations. CQID, a Rockhampton-based organisation established in 2004, has successfully applied to obtain this delegated authority status, and will be the first community controlled organisation to undertake this work in Queensland. The delegation of powers will enable CQID to make decisions in a way that actively recognises, promotes and enhances opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander self-determination and decision-making. This power will also facilitate innovative family led cultural safety, cultural connections and sharing of knowledge for future generations of families involved in the child protection system.