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Stronger Smarter Aboriginal Policy Reform: like Vincent, ‘... we know how to wait...’
The Stronger Smarter Philosophy

The Stronger Smarter philosophy honours a positive sense of cultural identity, acknowledges and embraces positive community leadership, enabling innovative and dynamic approaches and processes that are anchored by high expectations relationships. High expectations relationships honour the humanity of others, and in so doing, acknowledge one’s strengths, capacity and human right to emancipatory opportunity.

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- Acknowledging, embracing and developing a positive sense of identity

Which Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Identity do your attitudes, beliefs and behaviors collude with?

Stronger Smarter  V  negative stereotype

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• Acknowledging and embracing positive Indigenous leadership in communities

  • Being the victim (low expectations collusion with –ve stereotype)
  • Booting the victim (low expectations collusion with –ve stereotype)
  • Beyond the victim (HIGH expectations collusion with STRONGER SMARTER)

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- ‘High expectations’ leadership to ensure ‘high expectations’ relationships

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