## REAFFIRMATION OF CIT Reconciliation Statement

The Canberra Institute of Technology supports the spirit of the Australian Declaration Towards Reconciliation, which aspires to "...a united Australia that respects this land of ours; values the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders; and provides justice and equity for all."

In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge that we are on land traditionally owned by the Ngunnawal people.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders people have treasured their cultures and survived through more than two centuries of non-Indigenous colonisation, which occurred without treaty or consent.

We accept the need to understand the different perspectives of our history. In knowing ourselves through our history, we will be in a better position to recognise that past injustices have given rise to present experiences of discrimination and oppression in the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The CIT Community acknowledges and is sorry for the pain, the grief and the suffering experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as a result of government policies and actions.

The CIT Community will work in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff and students to address injustices through quality educational practices and practical strategies. In the spirit of reconciliation, CIT celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

identity and culture. CIT embraces the inclusion of Indigenous Australians on campus and supports their hopes and aspirations.

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