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# Acknowledgement of Country examples

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This information sheet forms part of a wider collection of resources Act Belong Commit have developed to support schools in being culturally responsive. These resources include classroom and whole-school resources, such as posters, templates and information on how schools can provide culturally safe environments for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

## Standard Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to start with acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land I present from today, Whadjuk Nyungar people, and pay my respects to their ancestors and Elders past and present. I extend this acknowledgement and respect to all Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people here today.

## Standard Acknowledgement of Country (Department of Education)

### Where Traditional Custodians are determined/known:

I respectfully acknowledge the past and present Traditional Custodians of this land on which we are meeting, the <traditional name(s)> people. It is a privilege to be standing on <traditional name> Country. I also acknowledge the contributions of Aboriginal Australians and non-Aboriginal Australians to the education of all children and people in this country we all live in and share together – Australia.

### Where Traditional Custodians are not known (or are in dispute):

I would like to show my respect and acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, of Elders past and present, on which this event takes place.

## Standard Acknowledgement of Country with personalised statement

I would like to start with acknowledging the Traditional Custodians of the land I present from today, Whadjuk Nyungar people, and pay my respects to their ancestors and Elders past and present. I extend this acknowledgement and respect to all Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people here today, and your continuing connection to lands, waters and communities.

I admire and respect the oldest, continuous living culture, and I am grateful to live, work and learn on Whadjuk Country and am committed to strengthening my understanding of Aboriginal history, culture and perspectives.