

Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF) Funding

Northern Australia Priority: Our Business, Trade and Investment Gateway

State Electorate: Cairns

Federal Electorate: Leichhardt

Council: Cairns Regional Council

Priority Recommendation

FNQROC seek a commitment from Government to contribute funds to the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CAIF) to secure the future of the event.

Project Overview

Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF) is a unique three (3) day event that merges an indigenous art market with a celebration of Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

CIAF is the only art fair in Australia to welcome commercial art galleries and Indigenous art centers to sell and showcase art by Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists.

It is committed to providing an ethical marketplace for the sale and purchase of Queensland Indigenous art and supports the career development of regional Indigenous artists.

Since the first event in 2009, CIAF has grown to be one of the most recognised Art Fairs/Festivals in Australia.

Event organisers are actively seeking private sector funding for the event but in recognition of the events significant contribution to the Indigenous art community, require a commitment from all levels of government to secure the future of the event.

Key Strategic Drivers

Economic	Strengthen and grow Indigenous enterprises through access to ethical marketplace for the sale and purchase of Queensland Indigenous art
Social Enterprise	Foster reconciliation, preserve the legacies of Australian Indigenous peoples, bridge cultural divides and create better futures by sharing art and culture
Employment	Offer employment, business development and training opportunities for Indigenous people
Tourism	Supports the regions Cultural Tourism Strategy