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| **Eligibility** | The child’s birth was registered in Queensland 30 days or more ago.  At least one birth parent is Torres Strait Islander.  At least one cultural parent is Torres Strait Islander. |
| **Required Documents** | Certified copy of the birth certificate of the child subject to the application.  Two proof of identification documents for each birth parent.  Two proof of identification documents for each cultural parent.  Two proof of identification documents for each informed person. The next items only apply if applicable to your situation: Two proof of identification documents for each other carer.  Adoption order under the *Adoption Act 2009* in relation to the child.  Any order made under the *Family Law Act 1975* (Cwlth) in relation to the child.  Any order made under the *Child Protection Act 1999* in relation to the child. |
| **Birth Parents:** | Informed consent: Understand the impacts of a Cultural Recognition Order.  Have willingly taken part in the application process. Details provided about: The nature of the Ailan Kastom child rearing practice that occurred.  The reasons the birth parent considers a cultural recognition order will be in the best interests of the child.  Name and address of the nominated informed person.  Any other information you believe will assist the commissioner in making their decision. Statements from each birth parent confirming: ☐ That the parental rights and obligations for the child were transferred under Ailan Kastom from the birth parent to the cultural parents.  ☐ Whether the child is aware of the Ailan Kastom child rearing practice occurring.  ☐ You are not aware of any matter that might be detrimental to the wellbeing and best interests of the child.  ☐ Consent to the commissioner making enquiries and exchanging information with the informed person.  ☐ Informed consent to the application being made. Witnessing Statements properly signed and witnessed by an authorised witness. |
| **Cultural Parents:** | Informed consent: Understand the impacts of a Cultural Recognition Order.  Have willingly taken part in the application process. Details provided about: The nature of the Ailan Kastom child rearing practice that occurred.  The reasons the birth parent considers a cultural recognition order will be in the best interests of the child.  The period the child has lived with you.  Name and address of the nominated informed person.  Any other information you believe will assist the commissioner in making their decision. Statements from each cultural parent confirming: That the parental rights and obligations for the child were transferred under Ailan Kastom from the birth parent to the cultural parents.  Whether the child is aware of the Ailan Kastom child rearing practice occurring.  You are not aware of any matter that might be detrimental to the wellbeing and best interests of the child.  Consent to the commissioner making enquiries and exchanging information with the informed person.  Consent to the commissioner requesting a copy of your criminal history and relying on that information to decide whether to make a cultural recognition order.  Informed consent to the application being made. Witnessing Statements properly signed and witnessed by an authorised witness. |
| **Informed Person/s:** | Details provided about: Your understanding of the Ailan Kastom child rearing practice that occurred in relation to the application.  Your relationship, if any, to the birth parents, the cultural parents and the person the subject of the application. Statement confirming: That the Ailan Kastom child rearing practice occurred in accordance with Ailan Kastom.  Witnessing  Statements properly signed and witnessed by an authorised witness. |
| **Other Carer Statements – if applicable:** | Informed consent: Understand the impacts of a Cultural Recognition Order.  Have willingly taken part in the application process. Details provided about: Your relationship to the child.  The reasons you consider a cultural recognition order will be in the best interests of the child. Statement from each other carer confirming: Informed consent to the application being made. Witnessing Statements properly signed and witnessed by an authorised witness. |
| **Other** | Addendum form Addendum form to an application for a Cultural Recognition Order completed. |