



**Commonwealth of Australia  
STATUTORY DECLARATION  
Statutory Declarations Act 1959**

UTS acknowledges that it may be difficult to gain evidence of Aboriginality from organisations such as Local Aboriginal Land Councils and Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisations due to past government policies of removal and classification as well as proximity from home communities/ countries.

UTS therefore provides this statutory declaration form for individuals who cannot demonstrate their Aboriginality through confirmation from a Local Aboriginal Land Council or an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation.

Given Name

Surname

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

State

Postcode

Phone

Email

Declaration -

I do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare that:

I understand that the University of Technology Sydney for the purpose of administering programs for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people defines Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait identity as follows:

An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is any person who:

- is of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent;
- identifies as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander; and
- is accepted as such by the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community in which they live.

Include a statement that you identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander

Include a statement about information you have about your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander family, including names and details of where your family are from.

Include a statement about why you are not able to get your Aboriginality confirmed by a Local Aboriginal Land Council or another Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation. Including two references from an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person within your community who can confirm your identity.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the Oaths Act 1900.

## **Penalties for false Statutory Declaration**

The Oaths Amendment Act 1996 provides that if a Statutory Declaration is made to gain material benefit and the offence is dealt with by indictment the penalty is up to 7 years imprisonment. If dealt with summarily then the penalty is up to 2 years imprisonment and/or a fine of 100 penalty units (\$11,000). If the offence is swearing a false declaration that does not involve material benefit, the penalty is up to 12 months imprisonment and/or a fine of 50 penalty units (\$5,500).

Declared at:

Declarant's name:

Signature

Date

## **Before me:**

Justice of the Peace (JP)/Solicitor

JP number

Address:

Contact number:

Date