

We stand in solidarity with all who are shining a light on the entrenched systemic racism and oppression that exists across the globe.

Throughout history, structural racism has denied many their human rights.

The United Nations Declaration of Human Rights says: *all human beings are born free and equal, in dignity and rights.*

For too long, too many have been denied their right to live freely, with dignity and without fear – because of race or colour.

They have been denied fair and equal access to opportunities.

To education, housing, employment. To equal pay, benefits or rest.

The right to parent their children. The right to speak. The right to feel safe.

What we are seeing play out in America reflects the ongoing reality of our Aboriginal community.

We recognise there is ongoing impact of dispossession and colonisation on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and continue to support the call for truth-telling about our history.

It is unacceptable that since the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody in 1991, there has been a further 432 deaths.

As allies committed to dismantling systemic racism and oppression, we uphold the unique human rights of Aboriginal and Torres St Islander peoples and seek a better future where they have power of their destiny and their children flourish.

We acknowledge our privilege and will use that to amplify the voices of Aboriginal community members as we walk with them in the fight for equality and justice.

As an organisation committed to transformative social change that ensures all forms of oppression and disadvantage are challenged and eliminated, it is our responsibility to not only stand in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement, but be an active participant in working towards change.

This movement strengthens our resolve and offers hope.

We are steadfast in our solidarity.

Let us not be silent.

There must be change.

