

RACISM. IT STOPS WITH ME

The Construction Training Centre (CTC) is proud to have joined forces with some of Australia's leading businesses, sporting bodies and NGO's to support the "Racism. It stops with me" campaign.

Our organisation has committed to preventing racism by pledging to undertake activities over the next three years in support of the campaign.

"Discovering vile and racist graffiti on a toilet door at our training centre recently prompted me to look at ways we could show leadership in helping to reduce discrimination and stop racial vilification at our workplace," CTC CEO Mr Phil Diver said.

"Graffiti is senseless at the best of times, but when it involves loathsome racist messages, it is particularly disturbing."

"We want students, staff and visitors to be left in no doubt that we support and encourage cultural diversity and have a zero tolerance for any forms of racist or discriminatory behavior at our centre."

"For this reason, we are proud to pledge our support for the "Racism. It stops with me" campaign and will play our part in reducing cultural barriers and increasing acceptance of difference," Mr Diver said.

Research from 2011 shows that one in seven Australians say they experienced discrimination because of their colour or background. This figure has been increasing steadily in recent years.

Research has also shown that 70 percent of people agree that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous people are prejudiced against each other.

The national "Racism. It stops with me" campaign, which is being led by the Australian Human Rights Commission, has been developed by a partnership of government and non-government agencies and will run until 2015.

For more information about the campaign go to: <http://itstopswithme.humanrights.gov.au/> or follow the campaign on Twitter @ItStopsWithMe.

