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HEALING FROM HOMOPHOBIA

DECOLONISING SEXUALITY AND
GENDER DIVERSITY

SIX STAGES

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REDISCOVERY AND RECOVERY

THIS FOUNDATION PHASE IS WHERE PEOPLE REDISCOVER THEIR HISTORY, RECOVER TRADITIONAL PRACTICES AND LANGUAGES AND RECONNECT WITH COUNTRY AND KIN (LAENUI, 2000, 2007). IT IS A TIME OF RENEWED SENSE OF IDENTITY, OF RECOVERING KNOWLEDGES.

MOURNING

THE MOURNING PHASE IS A TIME WHERE THE FEELINGS OF ANGER AND INJUSTICE NEED TIME FOR EXPRESSION IN ORDER FOR THE HEALING TO BEGIN (LAENUI, 2000, P4).

HEALING/FORGIVENESS

THE HEALING AND/OR FORGIVENESS STAGE DOES NOT MEAN FORGOING THE RIGHT TO JUSTICE, OR FORGETTING PAST WRONGS, (DILLON, 2008) BUT IT IS A STAGE WHERE HARMONY MIGHT BE FOUND.

DREAMING

THIS IS A PHASE OF STRENGTHENING AND REVALUING OUR PHILOSOPHY AND KNOWLEDGE. WHILE LAENUI SEES THIS PHASE AS THE MOST CRUCIAL FOR RECOVERY, DESCRIBING IT AS BUILDING THE MASTER RECOVERY PLAN (2000), IN AN AUSTRALIAN CONTEXT THIS IS MORE ABOUT DRAWING ON THE ANCIENT AND CONTEMPORARY WISDOM OF OUR PEOPLES.

COMMITMENT

FROM THE DREAMING PHASE COMES THE OPPORTUNITY FOR
COMMITMENT TO A DIRECTION IN WHICH SOCIETY MUST MOVE
(LAENUI, 2000).

ACTION

THE ACTION IN THIS PHASE IS PRO-ACTIVE, NOT REACTIVE. THIS PHASE IS NOT THE RESPONSIVE ACTION TO CHALLENGE INJUSTICES OR ACTION TO ENSURE SURVIVAL; IT IS NOT PUNITIVE ACTION, IT IS POSITIVE ACTION (LAENUI, 2000).

IN PRACTICE

CANADA AND TWO SPIRIT PEOPLE

RETURNING HOME, A WELL OF SADNESS OF WHAT HAS BEEN LOST FROM OUR HISTORIES

ACKNOWLEDGING COLONISATION AS ACT THAT CAN BE REVERSED

UNDERSTANDING CULTURE IS DYNAMIC, OUR FUTURES AND FUTURE HISTORIES CREATED

RESEARCH, PRESENTATIONS, CONVERSATIONS

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