



National
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Council

**ANNUAL REPORT
2023 - 2024**

The National Native Title Council acknowledges all First Peoples on whose land we live and work, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and culture.

We pay our respect to the Elders and Ancestors who guide and watch over us and all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

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A photograph of a pond with reeds and their reflection in the water. The water is calm, creating a clear mirror image of the reeds and the sky. The reeds are tall and green, with some brown stalks visible. The sky is a pale blue. In the top right corner, there is a black rectangular box containing the word "INTRODUCTION" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

INTRODUCTION

As the CEO of the National Native Title Council (NNTC), I present this annual report to members and stakeholders. I would like to thank all members for their support during the first half of this year and look forward to working closely with you over the coming years as the organisation and some exciting new projects develop.

This last year has been an exciting time for us at the NNTC in continuing our advocacy work and the most engagement with our members than ever before. We have welcomed ten new members and held several member events, such as regional forums and PBC Director Training.

With the fantastic support of our Board and Members, the First Nations Heritage Protection Alliance and PBC Steering Group, the team at the NNTC has progressed native title funding, cultural heritage and environmental legislative reform.

We welcome the much-needed review of the Future Acts Regime by the Australian Law Reform Commission and look forward to bringing our members' views into this space.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the NNTC staff for their tireless efforts in representing the NNTC as a professional and hard-working organisation. I also want to thank the many people who work in native title organisations, particularly Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBCs) and Native Title Representative Bodies and Service Providers (NTRB/SPs) for their efforts in ensuring that our rights to land, natural resources and cultural heritage are being recognised, in some cases against great political and economic adversity. Thank you to the Directors of the NNTC for their active engagement in our meetings and providing strategic direction and advice for our work.

Special acknowledgement is made of Rhonda (Jake) Jacobsen, who resigned as a Director during the reporting period. We thank Jake for her valuable contribution and wish her all the best. This report has been prepared for the Annual General Meeting of the Company and the NNTC Council Meeting being held in Mparntwe (Alice Springs) and includes activities from the period of 1 July 2023–30 June 2024.



Jamie Lowe
Chief Executive Officer



ABOUT US

The NNTC's staffing profile has continued to grow over 2023-24 and we now have 17 staff members located in Perth, Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra, Broome and other regional locations across Australia.

We also engage the services of Storey and Ward and Red Gum Legal to support our team in the wide range of advocacy work we do.

Our profile includes 55 percent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff.

For further information on our staff members, including contact information, please see the [our people](#) page on our website.

Over 2023-24, the NNTC continued to strengthen its community partnerships and grow our membership base in line with our strategic direction.

By the end of June 2024, the Company welcomed two new Regional Members: the Federation of Victorian Traditional Owner Corporations and the Carpentaria Land Council; as well as eight new Local Members. Since 30 June the NNTC has welcomed a further 14 new members bringing the total membership to:

- 113 local members; and
- 14 Regional Members.

During 2023-24, the NNTC managed and either completed or progressed the following funded projects:

1. National cultural heritage reform
2. Dhawura Ngilan Business and Investor Initiative
3. Sea Country rights
4. PBC Futures: funding and investment reform
5. PBC Steering Group: leading national policy
6. National Native Title Compensation Strategy and Agreement Framework (SOMCOM)
7. Future act review—a national snapshot
8. PBC Regional Forums
9. PBC Director Training
10. First Nations powering the transition



WHOLE OF COUNTRY RIGHTS

Sea Country Rights

The decision of the Full Federal Court in *Santos NA Barossa Pty Ltd v Tipakalippa* [2022] FCAFC 193 in late 2023 was an important step in the recognition of Traditional Owners' Sea Country rights. In this case the Court determined that irrespective of whether there had been a formal determination of native title, Traditional Owners cultural, social, and economic rights could be recognised under Commonwealth law throughout the Australian Economic Zone. In response to this development the NNTC organised the first ever Traditional Owner Sea Country Summit in Darwin in November 2023. This led to the establishment of the Sea Country Alliance (SCA). The NNTC provides the secretariat to support the SCA.

The focus of the SCA has been to advocate for reform to the legislation and regulations around the country's offshore wind and gas regimes to ensure the implementation of Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) for decisions about these areas and to ensure proper resourcing of Traditional Owner groups engaged in these approvals. This is another area where the concept of the Traditional Owner Representative Institution (TORI) model is central to effective recognition of the collective rights of Traditional Owners.

To join the Sea Country Alliance, please contact:
seacountry@nntc.com.au.

Environmental Legislative Reform

The introduction of significant amendments to the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC) has likely been delayed by the Commonwealth Government until 2025. The government has however committed to the release of the First Nations Engagement and Participation in Decision Making Standard. The Standard has been drafted in consultation with the EPBC Indigenous Advisory Committee and the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) executive that is undertaking work on Cultural Heritage legislation reform. Consultations on the draft Standard with key stakeholder and industry groups have commenced.

The EPBC reform will have significant interaction with Cultural Heritage reform and other development approval legislation, particularly when it comes to the resourcing framework for TORIs. The work being undertaken by DCCEEW, on both Cultural Heritage and environmental legislation, to consider interrelated cultural heritage recognition and structures.



First Nations Heritage Protection Alliance and cultural heritage reform

As the lead organisation (and secretariat) of the First Nations Heritage Protection Alliance (FNHPA), the NNTC has been partnering with the Commonwealth in a legislative reform co-design process since 2020. The cultural heritage reforms aim to increase protections for Traditional Owners and realise the Dhawura Ngilan Best Practice Standards in Indigenous Cultural Heritage Management and Legislation (Standards), as well as the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

Policy development to underpin the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984 (ATSIHPA) has been moving at pace since March 2024, progressed by the Heritage Protection Policy Working Group (HPPWG). The HPPWG is open to all member PBC CEOs and Legal and Policy Officers. Consultations on some of these proposed policy positions began in September with key industry stakeholders. Early feedback has been positive, and this stage is critical to refining the positions and mapping the path forward politically.

We encourage member organisations to contact the NNTC if they would like more information and ways to get involved. We extend our thanks to the member organisations that have already contributed significantly to this work.

To become a member of the Alliance, please see our [website](#).

Dhawura Ngilan Business and Investor Initiative (DNBII)

The Dhawura Ngilan Business and Investor Initiative is an Indigenous-led project to mobilise the private sector to achieve best practice in the field of First Nations heritage protection by providing guidance on the implementation of the [Dhawura Ngilan](#) standards. It is led by the First Nations Heritage Protection Alliance in partnership with the UN Global Compact Network Australia and Responsible Investment Association Australasia.

The Initiative is complementing ongoing efforts to reform cultural heritage legislation by building private sector support for strengthened legal protections.

Terri Janke and Company has drafted three documents in consultation with a wide range of stakeholders:

- an over-arching set of Dhawura Ngilan principles;
- A business implementation guide providing practical steps for businesses to take in implementing those principles; and
- Investor guidance to hold companies within their portfolio to the expectations set by First Nations communities on cultural heritage protection.

The guides were launched on 19 March 2024 in Canberra. Keynotes were delivered by Minister Plibersek and Allan James, Head of Indigenous Engagement, BHP; and a panel discussion was held, featuring Cath Brokenborough (Lendlease), Terri Janke (Terri Janke & Company) Gary Dean (PKKP), Dave Bunting (BHP) and Claire Heeps (HESTA). Musician, singer and dancer Eric Avery gave a moving performance.

Following the event, [BHP](#) Australia president [Geraldine Slattery](#) went on the record stating that “the company looked forward to implementing the guidelines over the next 18-months” and praised the First Nations Heritage Protection Alliance for their leadership of the Initiative.

SUPPORTING PBC LED NATIONS AND GOVERNANCE

PBC Director Training

This year, the NNTC has brought training sessions directly to communities. From Cairns to Busselton, the NNTC has run 4 workshops in the 2023-2024 period with topics covering governance, native title rights, and more.

The feedback provided by participants has been very positive, with participants stating that they learnt so much around PBC and Director responsibilities, have a better understanding of ILUAs and UNDRIP, and that all sessions were relevant and important. Positive reinforcement came in the way of all participants wanting to undertake further training opportunities and requesting the NNTC to deliver additional sessions.

Delivering training directly to community has provided flexible options for Directors to participate and has provided economic development opportunities on Country.

If your PBC would like to learn more about training options available to you, please reach out to Debby Lovett, NNTC National Training Manager

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PBC Regional Forums

The Regional Forums provide NNTC members and other PBCs in each region to discuss the interaction of local and regional matters with national policy, legislation and funding reform. The regional forums also provide PBCs with a mechanism for networking, sharing information and hearing about resources to support regional growth as well as hearing challenges and successes from other PBCs in their Region.

Regional Forums that have taken place in the reporting year are:

1. Cape York Land Council Regional Forum, 11-12 July 2023, Cairns
2. South Australia Regional Forum, 26-27 September 2023, Adelaide
3. GBK Regional Forum, 8-9 April 2024, Cairns
4. Queensland South PBC Regional Forum, 29 April – 2 May 2024, Brisbane
5. Central Desert Native Title Services Regional Forum, 15-16 May 2024.
6. Yamatji Marlpa PBC Regional Forum, 18-19 June 2024.

For further information, please contact the NNTC's Senior Executive Officer, Carolyn Betts
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PBC Steering Group, PBC funding and National Policy reform

A review of current funding mechanisms and the introduction of a new model is critical to strengthening PBCs and the native title sector. The NNTC continues to collaborate closely with the NIAA, the PBC Steering Group, and our members to advocate for sustainable and secure funding options for PBCs and the sector. This work builds on previous efforts and aligns with the recommendations from the 2022 Juukan Gorge Inquiry – A Way Forward — as well as current policy initiatives. We continue to advocate to the government that investing in PBCs is essential to the success of the Future Made in Australia plan, the clean energy transition, and the development of strong regional economies.

The NNTC has identified several key areas of focus to ensure the adoption of a new funding model by the Commonwealth is supported by the sector, stakeholders, and the public, which include:

- Working with members on secure and long-term funding options.
- Coordinating and optimising existing investment and revenue streams across the sector.
- Mapping the state of the sector to highlight clear pathways for implementing new funding sources.
- Building public support through well-developed regional value propositions and showcasing PBC success stories.
- Developing an education and awareness initiative to promote cross-sector understanding of the importance of investing in and strengthening PBCs.
- Leading a broader national campaign on native title and First Nations rights to build both sectoral and public support.

The NNTC is making significant strides in progressing native title funding reform and our collaboration with the PBC Steering Group and the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) is focused directly on increasing PBC funding and resourcing.

The PBC Steering Group presented comments on draft funding model options to the former Minister for Indigenous Australians, the Hon Linda Burney in December 2023 and subsequently met with her online in July 2024 to discuss the funding reform process. The Steering Group sought a commitment from the Minister to support Traditional Owner groups through a phased strategy of self-determination and funding reform, as well as the immediate redesign of the PBC funding mechanisms, increasing the available pool of funds and streamlining fund release processes as a priority.

The NNTC is currently working with the NIAA on a phased approach: an immediate increase in funding with simplified access and reporting requirements, followed by the introduction of sustainable investment funding.

A sincere thank you to former Minister Linda Burney for her efforts in native title reform, and congratulations to Senator Malarndirri McCarthy on her new role and commitment to continuing this important work.

We also acknowledge the strength of the PBC Steering Group in driving this work forward and would like to thank PBC Steering Group members for their invaluable contributions, guidance, and commitment to strengthening PBCs and the native title sector.

If you would like further information about funding reform, please reach out to Clinton Benjamin, NNTC Director of Native Title, E: clinton.benjamin@nntc.com.au







CLOSE THE GAP: LAND AND WATER TARGETS

National Agreement on Closing the Gap

The NNTC has continued to work with and support other members of the Coalition of Peaks in implementing the National Agreement on Closing the Gap in its role as the Peaks' representative on economic development and land and waters matters to the Joint Council. It has also participated in various Coalition of Peaks meetings, forums and working groups.

Inland Waters Target

The NNTC continued to take the lead in 2023/24 on work to develop an inland waters target under the National Agreement. In July 2024, the Joint Council on Closing the Gap agreed to develop inland waters targets at the jurisdictional rather than the national level. These jurisdictional targets recognise the vast differences in water regimes across the country that make development of a national baseline fraught. The Commonwealth, States and Territories will be working closely with the NNTC and jurisdictional peaks in the development of these targets over the next 12 months.



ENABLE TREATY AND STRONG AGREEMENTS

National native title compensation strategy and agreement framework

This year marked the beginning of Stage 2 of our Native Title Compensation Strategy. This stage focuses on refining the compensation approach for NTRB/SPs and PBCs by providing information about native title compensation and exploring options for the development of an alternative compensation framework to ensure fair settlements.

Redgum Legal has been engaged to create a discussion paper on the alternative compensation framework, along with a reference paper exploring potential options and specific valuation methodologies. These documents were presented at the NNTC Council meeting in February this year. The consultation and engagements are now underway and have included meetings with the NNTC Council, PBCs, NTRB/SPs, and native title experts.

In 2024, the NNTC will continue to participate in the government forum on compensation and other native title issues (NTSOM), collaborating with senior government officials from the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department, NIAA, and the State and Territory Governments. We are currently working on a discussion paper exploring the fundamental issue of Commonwealth and state contributions to compensation and the associated financial impacts and benefits for PBCs.

Additionally, the Native Title compensation videos were successfully launched at the AIATSIS summit in Naarm (Melbourne) and are available to our members to access.

We are also developing a Test Case Strategy to support a coordinated legal strategy for compensation. This includes obtaining legal advice from senior counsel on key legal issues and organising face-to-face meetings with NTRB/SP CEOs, PLOs, and key PBCs.

Finally, several significant compensation cases will be heard by the Courts throughout the year, with key judgments expected later this year that may impact the NNTCs compensation strategy. The NNTC will keep members updated on these important developments.

Future Acts Regime Inquiry

The Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) has been tasked with conducting an inquiry into the future acts regime under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth). Mr Tony McAvoy SC, a Wirldi man, has been appointed part-time Commissioner to co-lead the inquiry with the ALRC President. Amongst other things, the inquiry will consider:

- the current operation of the future acts regime, including Indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs) with the aim of rectifying any inefficacy, inequality or unfairness
- the rights and obligations in UNDRIP
- options to support native title groups, project proponents and governments to share in the benefits of development, including opportunities for native title groups to lead or co-lead development and for ensuring groups receive commensurate and timely compensation
- the National Native Title Tribunal's role in relation to future acts
- how the rights in the future acts regime compare with other land rights regimes, such as the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 (Cth), and any relevant international approaches

The ALRC will publish a background paper in late 2024 with more information about the inquiry followed by a consultation paper in early 2025 explaining some reform ideas and calling for formal submissions. It will be holding consultations with stakeholders later in 2024 and in 2025.

The NNTC is preparing a formal submission to be provided to the ALRC in early 2025.

The NNTC will build on a draft discussion paper it prepared in October 2023, which provided a preliminary snapshot of findings with respect to five key areas of the regime:

- I. the expedited procedure,
- II. right to negotiate,
- III. right to comment,
- IV. cost recovery for future acts management, and
- V. alternative future acts regimes.

Historic Gumatj Case: A Turning Point for Compensation

In August, the High Court convened on Larrakia Country in Darwin to hear a landmark case that could reshape native title compensation in Australia. The Commonwealth sought special leave to appeal a 2023 Federal Court decision which awarded the Gumatj People \$700 million in compensation for land grants made on their Country from 1911 to 1994. This case is a game-changer. If the Federal Court's ruling stands, it could pave the way for other Northern Territory Traditional Owners to claim compensation for similar land grants. We're eagerly awaiting the High Court's decision in the coming months.

Critical Minerals

The NNTC is advocating for Traditional Owners to be central in critical minerals development, including the Future Made in Australia agenda. While a large amount of government investment has been committed to industry, there has been little consultation with Traditional Owners on the Government's critical minerals Strategy and little funding set aside for Traditional Owners to engage with project proponents.

A new 2-year critical minerals project conducted by the NNTC and the University of Melbourne has been developed that is focused on the rights of native title holders in critical minerals development.

The NNTC's role in the project will focus on:

- Supporting native title holders to understand the opportunities and challenges arising from critical minerals development; and
- advocating for FPIC, appropriate cultural heritage, co-management, economic participation, and benefit sharing provisions for affected Traditional Owners to be a mandatory pre-condition for a proponent receiving any Commonwealth critical minerals funding.

New Centre Partnership

The NNTC in partnership with University of Melbourne has developed a new and exciting Centre that will soon provide world leading research, training and acceleration for Traditional Owners.

The key purpose of the Centre is to support Australia's Traditional Owners in translating their land and sea rights into tangible economic, social and cultural outcomes to drive economic empowerment in their communities and broader regional Australia.

The Centre will maximise the benefits of these rights by building a strong knowledge base for future agreement-making and leadership skills for First Nations youth. It will achieve these outcomes through four focus areas:

- **Research:** informing national policy development that will support Traditional Owners achieving the best possible outcomes from the resources they control and influence.
- **Training:** working with Traditional Owners and their leadership to strengthen their capacities in crucial policy areas and skills.
- **Networked Learning and Knowledge Exchange:** convening networks and connections for knowledge exchange and sharing effective agreement making.
- **Acceleration:** supporting progress of initiatives that promote economic development and Indigenous entrepreneurship.







ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR STRONG REGIONAL AND TRANSITIONAL ECONOMIES

First Nations powering the transition

Through funding from Boundless Earth Ltd and the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation, the NNTC is collaborating with the University of Melbourne to address barriers facing native title holders from being active participants in medium to large scale clean energy projects.

Through the Boundless funding, we are developing resources for PBCs on the lessons to be learned from First Nations communities' experience domestically and internationally of clean energy agreement-making focused on:

- i. Co-ownership and equity opportunities;
- ii. Current trends in Australia;
- iii. Transmission; and
- iv. Off-shore wind.

Through the Lord Mayor's funding, a training course on the clean energy transition is being developed, tailored to PBC directors and staff and focused on the legal, financial, and technical considerations involved in clean energy projects. The course will be delivered through First Nations trainers, including clean energy experts, native title lawyer(s), and PBC representatives to share case studies.

PUBLICATIONS AND SUBMISSIONS

14 August 2023

Submission to the Productivity Commission, Closing the Gap, regarding the Review of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap Draft Report

Submission to the Senate Standing Committees on Environment and Communications, regarding the Inquiry into the Climate Change Amendment (Duty of Care and Intergenerational Equity) Bill 2023

30 August 2023

Submission to the Minister for Climate Change and Energy, regarding the Proposed Southern Ocean Region and Illawarra Area Declared Area for future offshore renewable energy projects

25 January 2024

Pre-Budget submission to Treasury

31 January 2024

Submission to the Minister for Climate Change and Energy, regarding the Proposed Northern Tasmania, Bass Strait, TAS Declared Area for future offshore renewable energy projects

19 February 2024

Submission to the Senate Standing Committees on Environment and Communications, regarding the Protecting the Spirit of Sea Country Bill 2023 seeking to amend the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006 and Regulations





Media

During the reporting period, the media department continued to build on the profiles of Chairman Kado Muir and CEO Jamie Lowe, plus the work of the NNTC, the FNHPA, and the Sea Country Alliance. Major media houses continue to give coverage across print, radio and television. Topics covered include the NNTC position on the Voice to Parliament Campaign including Jamie Lowe's appearance on The Point where he also discussed the anniversary of the desecration of Juukan Gorge by Rio Tinto; the NNTC opposition to the WA Aboriginal Heritage Legislation and Premier Roger Cook's subsequent backflip; commentary on exercising the rights of Traditional Owners in Offshore developments and defending Traditional Owner sea rights; and, the launch of the Dhawura Ngilan Business and Investor Initiative.

Other major projects included the leading the finalisation of the animated Native Title Compensation Videos. This involved commissioning Jeremy Worall – Head Graphic Designer for NITV; Cul-de-Sac Design for Production; the Centre for Aboriginal Music Studies for the original music score; and using First Nations Peoples talent for voice overs.

Furthermore, NNTC worked with NGNY to refresh the First Nations Heritage Protection Alliance Website. This coincided with the launch of the [Dhawura Ngilan Business and Investor Initiative](#). The new website also hosts the Cultural Heritage Case Studies filmed in partnership with Blacklock Media, providing perspective and argument on the need for stronger cultural heritage legislation.

The NNTC's social media presence has grown substantially throughout 2024. We can now be found on Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn.

EVENTS, SUMMITS, AND CONFERENCES

First Nations Financial Management Board Conference 2023, Canada

The Australian First Nations Economic Empowerment Alliance and supporting staff travelled to Algonquin country, Ottawa, Canada in November 2023 to present at the First Nations Financial Management Board (FNFMB) Conference. Professor Peter Yu provided a keynote address and the Alliance signed a historic MOU with Canadian First Nations financial institutions that prioritise Indigenous collaboration and diplomacy, seeking to address the entrenched economic exclusion and lack of opportunity of Indigenous peoples in the two countries.

The NNTC delegation travelled to Vancouver, BC and met with the First Nations Major Projects Coalition and the The Tla'amin Nation; a modern Treaty Nation whose territorial lands include the township of Powell River and surrounds in British Columbia, Canada.

For further information about the First Nations Economic Empowerment Alliance or to receive a copy of the delegation report that outlines the First Nations financial landscape in Canada, please contact:
belinda.burbidge@nntc.com.au.

Sea Country Summit 2023, Darwin

The National Sea Country Alliance Summit was held at the Darwin Convention Centre in the Northern Territory of Australia, 6-7 November 2023.

This landmark meeting of all representative Traditional Owner groups with responsibility for Sea Country, was convened to discuss how to exercise Traditional owner rights and uphold responsibilities for Sea Country in the face of increased offshore energy proposals.

The Summit was attended by 120 Traditional Owners and support staff from 80 Traditional Owner Representative Institutions around Australia with responsibility for Sea Country.

Youth Delegation, United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) 2024, New York

The NNTC brought together a delegation of 12 Australian First Nations youth to the twenty-third session of the UNPFII from 15-19 April 2024 on the lands of the Lenape people (New York) at the UN Headquarters.

The theme for the twenty-third session of the UNPFII was 'Enhancing Indigenous Peoples' right to self-determination in the context of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: emphasizing the Voices of Indigenous Youth'.

The NNTC's delegation was the largest Australian delegation to attend the UNPFII, with unique representation of Traditional Owner groups from across Australia. The majority of NNTC delegates were elected by their communities and organisations, in recognition of their dedication and leadership within their communities.

Participation in the UNPFII, builds the capacity and confidence of emerging First Nations leaders, by enhancing their ability to identify issues impacting their communities on the macro level, share solutions and build networks.



OTHER EVENTS AND CONFERENCES

As part of our advocacy work in supporting and strengthening the rights and interests of native title holders and organisations, the NNTC presented or participated in over 30 engagements.

July 2023

1. Cape York Land Council Regional Forum, **Cairns**
2. First Nations Heritage Protection Alliance meeting, **Melbourne**

August 2023

1. Cultural Heritage Leadership Working Group meeting
2. CAWI meeting, **Cairns**
3. Canadian First Nations Partnership Meeting, **Canberra**
4. Meeting with Premier Cook and Minister Buti, **Perth**
5. Business and Human Rights Dialogue, **Melbourne**
6. Referendum Engagement Group meeting, **Adelaide**
7. HCOANZ Meeting, **Sydney**
8. Meeting with the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs- Hon Dr Tony Buti MLA, **Sydney**
9. ANU First Nations Portfolio's Murru waaruu (On Track) Economic Development Seminar Series #4, **Canberra**
10. National Native Title Council PBC Director Training, **Adelaide**
11. National Native Title Council meeting, **Adelaide**
12. The Leadership Institute, Finance for non-finance Managers, **Sydney**
13. ICOMOS 21st General Assembly and Scientific Symposium, **Sydney**

September 2023

1. PBC Steering Group meeting, September 2023, **Online**
2. South Australia Native Title Services PBC regional forum, September 2023, **Adelaide**
3. Scientific Symposium, September 2023, **Sydney**
4. FNCEERAC SA Advisory Committee Meeting September 2023, **Adelaide**
5. The Point -NITV Panel Discussion, September 2023, **WA**
6. ANU First Nations Portfolio's Murru waaruu (On Track) Economic Development Seminar Series #5, September 2023, **Canberra**

October 2023

1. PBC Director Training, October 2023, **Perth**
2. First Nations Clean Energy and Finance workshop, **Canberra**
3. The Canadian Experience, First Nations Clean Energy Leadership, **Canberra**
4. PBC Steering Group meeting, **Brisbane**
5. National Native Title Council AGM and Council meeting, **Brisbane**
6. Pacific Regional Gathering, **Port Douglas**

November 2023

1. National Sea Country Alliance Summit, **Darwin**
2. Carpentaria Compensation Workshop, **Normanton**
3. First Nations Leading the Way 6 Conference, **Ottawa, Canada**
4. ANU First Nations Portfolio's Murru waaruu (On Track) Economic Development Seminar Series #6, **Canberra**
5. Canberra FNCES Roundtable, **Geelong**

December 2023

1. Native Title Capability Forum, **Canberra**

January 2024

1. National Native Title Council annual operational planning, **Kingscliff**

February 2024

1. National Sea Country Alliance Meeting, **Canberra**
2. Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation Directors Meeting, **Perth**
3. National Native Title Council Meeting, **Melbourne**

March 2024

1. University of Melbourne and NNTC workshop, **Melbourne**
2. First Nations Heritage Protection Alliance Partnership Meeting
3. NNTC Webinar: Cultural Heritage
4. NNTC Webinar: Māori Heritage Council –Innovation & Lessons for Heritage Protection
5. Dhawura Ngilan Business and Investor Initiative Guides Launch, **Canberra**
6. National Indigenous Australian Agency, Native Title Representative Body and Service Provider CEO Summit, **Canberra**
7. First Nations Economic Empowerment Alliance Planning Day, **Canberra**

April 2024

1. Gur A Baradharaw Kod Torres Strait Sea and Land Council Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal Corporation regional forum, **Cairns**
2. United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, **New York, US**
3. First Nations Major Projects Coalition 7th Annual Conference, **Toronto, Canada**
4. Queensland South PBC regional forum, **Brisbane**

May 2024

1. First Nations Clean Energy Symposium, **Adelaide**
2. Central Desert PBC regional forum, **Perth**
3. NNTC, Original Power & First Nations Clean Energy Network staff at the Clean Energy Symposium, **Adelaide**

June 2024

1. AIATSIS Summit, **Melbourne**
2. YMAC PBC Regional Forum, **Carnarvon**





MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

In summary, the NNTC has expended significant resources supporting members to engage in the various activities:

- Director Training: the NNTC delivered 4 training sessions (Adelaide, Perth, Cairns and Normanton) with 61 participants;
- PBC Steering Group: the NNTC provides travel assistance for 24 members to participate in meetings. During the reporting period members participated in 4 face to face meetings (Perth, Brisbane, Melbourne and Perth);
- UNPFII: the NNTC secured funding to assist 13 First Nations youth, identified by their communities from across the country, including 4 NNTC staff;
- PBC Regional Forums: the NNTC provides funding for two representatives per PBC to attend a PBC Regional Forum across all jurisdictions. In the reporting period the NNTC delivered 6 PBC Regional Forums, with 237 funded participants;
- Sea Country Alliance has 63 members and funded 120 Traditional Owners and support staff to attend a Sea Country Summit in Darwin;
- First Nations Heritage Protection Alliance: There are 48 member groups on the Alliance and the NNTC funded several members to attend Working Group meetings throughout the reporting period.

COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND ALLIANCES

The NNTC has been involved in the following Committees during the reporting period:

1. First Nations Heritage Protection Alliance
2. First Nations Sea Country Alliance
3. Close the Gap Refresh: Coalition of Peaks and member of Joint Council
4. First Nations Economic Empowerment Alliance
5. National Caucus, ANU
6. First Nations Clean Energy Network
7. Compensation Community of Practice
8. Native Title Senior Officers Meeting (NTSOM) previously SOMCOM – Senior Government Officers Meetings on Compensation
9. Community of Practice co-convened with the Minerals Council of Australia
10. National Indigenous Carbon Forum Working Group
11. The Preservation of Evidence Working Group (PEG)
12. Australian Sustainable Finance Institute: Minimum Social Safeguards Taxonomy Advisory Group







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