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# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples as the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and culture.

We offer our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

We acknowledge our Members and their ongoing support in advocating for First Nations Country and Heritage Rights.

## Maisor 2022 by Gail Mabo

*Where the water first breaks on the reef at the back of Mer which is called Apek*

To celebrate the 30 Years of MABO, since the Mabo case overturned the doctrine of Terra Nullius in the high court of Australia giving birth to Native Title, the National Native Title Council reached out to Dr Eddie “Koiki” Mabo’s daughter Gail Mabo to mark the occasion.

One aspect of the partnership was expressed through Gail’s original artwork that proudly hangs in the NNTC Melbourne Office.





# A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR AND CEO



As Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the National Native Title Council we present this annual report to members. We would like to thank all members for their support during the year and we look forward to working closely with you over the coming years as we develop further as an organisation. We wish all our members well for 2024.

We 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 organization. We also want to thank the many people who work in representative bodies and PBCs for their efforts in ensuring that our rights to land, natural resources and cultural heritage are being recognized, in some cases against great political and economic adversity.

Thank you to the Directors of the NNTC for their patience, particularly when enduring lengthy board meetings online. Special acknowledgement is made of Kevin Smith and Wayne Beswick, both of whom tendered their resignations as Directors during the reporting period. We wish them well in their new roles.



**Kado Muir**  
**Chairman**



**Jamie Lowe**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

**26th October 2023**





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# INTRODUCTION

This report covers the reporting period from 1 July 2022 to the 30 June 2023.

At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company in October 2022 there were six Director vacancies on the NNTC Board. Two Directors were reappointed for a further term – Tony Kelly from the Regional Member Class; and Melvin Farmer and Joshua Haynes from the Local Member Class. Three new Directors were also appointed: Peter Windie and Wayne Beswick from the Regional Member Class; and Elaine King from the Local Member Class. The six Directors joined Kevin Smith (Regional); Kado Muir (Local); and Ned David and Rhonda Jacobsen (Additional).

Following the AGM, Kado Muir was reappointed Chair of the NNTC and Kevin Smith as Deputy Chair. Directors subsequently reappointed Rhonda Jacobsen as an additional Director under Clause 20.4 of the NNTC Constitution in February 2023.

During the reporting period both Wayne Beswick and Kevin Smith tendered their resignations from the Board of Directors due to taking up new employment positions. Both positions remain vacant at the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

While there was progress and many developments for the NNTC during the 2022-23 financial year, the space was often dominated by the referendum and the proposal to enshrine a Voice to Parliament in the Australian Constitution. The NNTC Board adopted a yes position, outlined [here](#) on our website. NNTC staff supported members by providing clear and factual information, guides and resources to assist their own local journeys to the referendum.

As members would be aware, the Referendum for a Voice to Parliament was defeated at the polls on Saturday 14th October 2023. Whilst an extremely disappointing result, the NNTC released a media statement calling on First Nations communities to come together for young people and elders and remember the resilience of First Nations people over tens of thousands of years. The CEO and Chair made several comments in the statement observing that the Referendum result was an affront to decades of tireless work to advance First Nations' rights. The view of the NNTC is that Australia has voted for the status quo, however a majority of First Nations people have voted yes.

For the NNTC, the No Vote has underscored the importance of a First Nations voice in Australia and we have pledged to work even harder for Traditional Owners through leveraging the rights of Native Title holders and ensuring the ongoing preservation of First Nations Cultural Heritage.





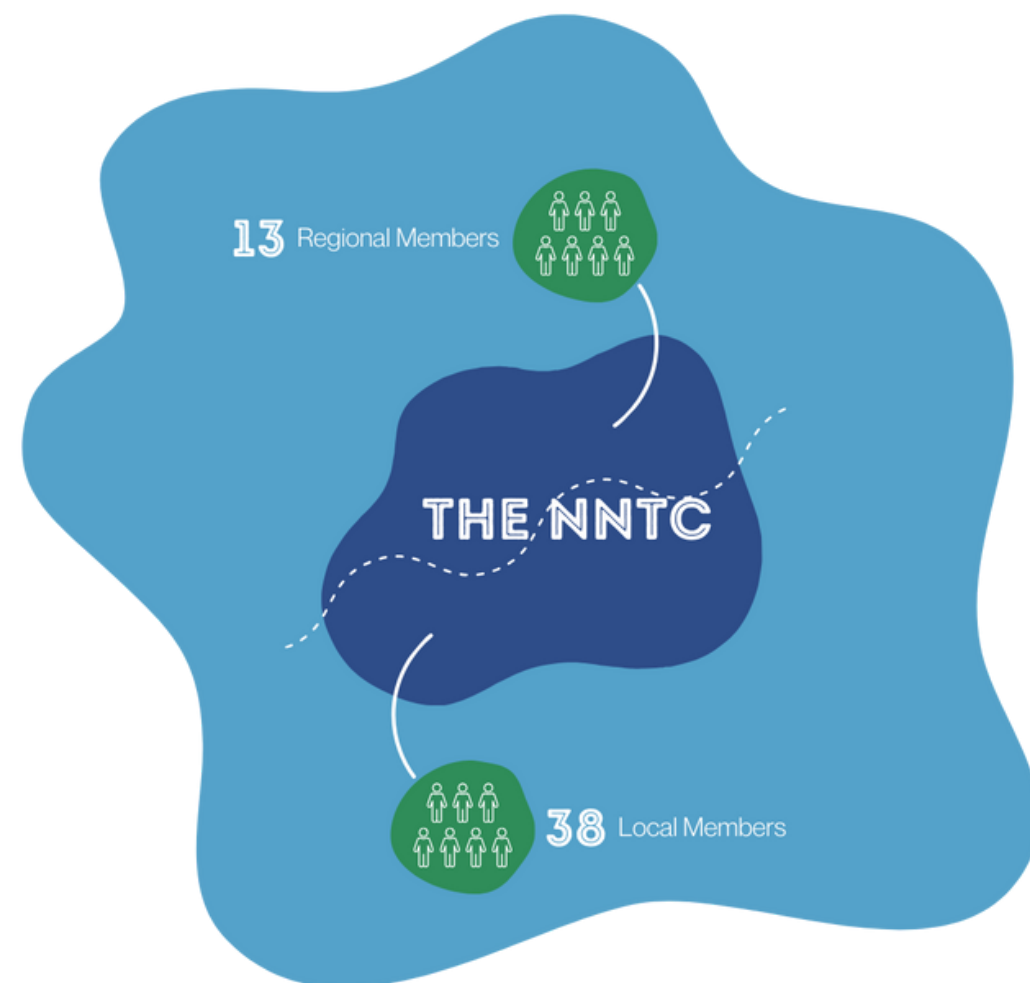
## GROWING OUR MEMBERSHIP

Over 2022-23, the NNTC continued to strengthen our community partnerships and grow our membership base in line with our strategic direction.

By the end of June 2023, the Company welcomed one new Regional Member: First nations of South Australia Aboriginal Corporation; and three new Local Members: Yugunga-Nya Native Title Aboriginal Corporation; Wajarri Yamaji Aboriginal Corporation; and Dieri Aboriginal Corporation, bringing the total membership to:

- 38 Local Members; and
- 13 Regional Members.

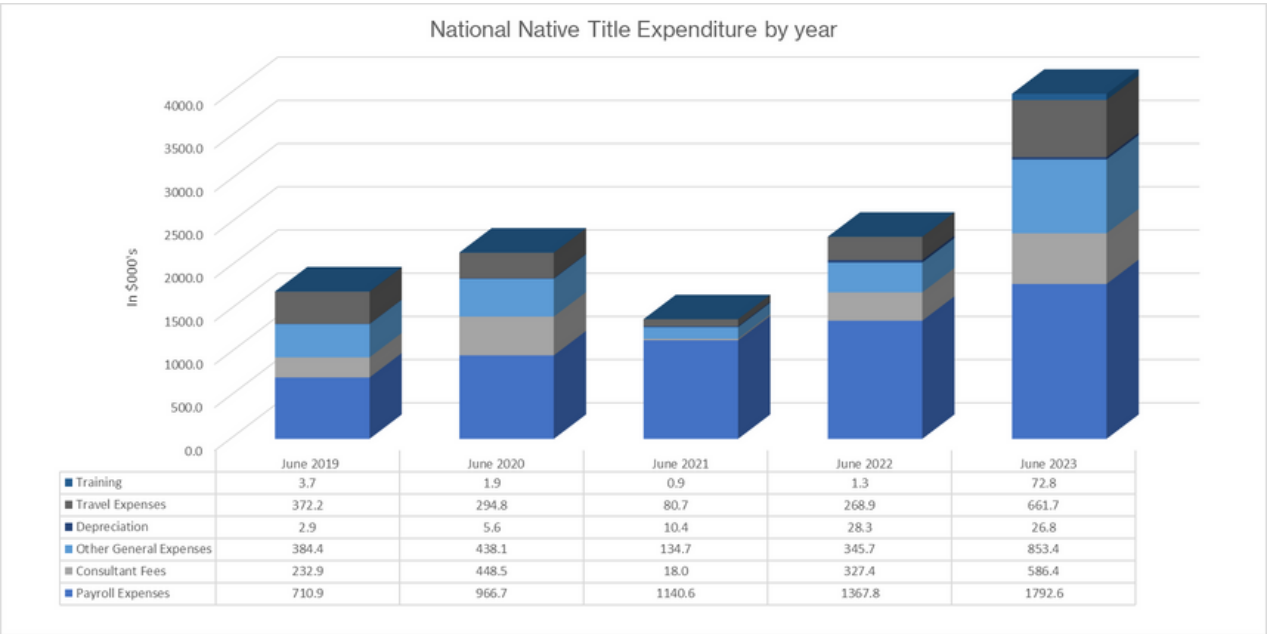
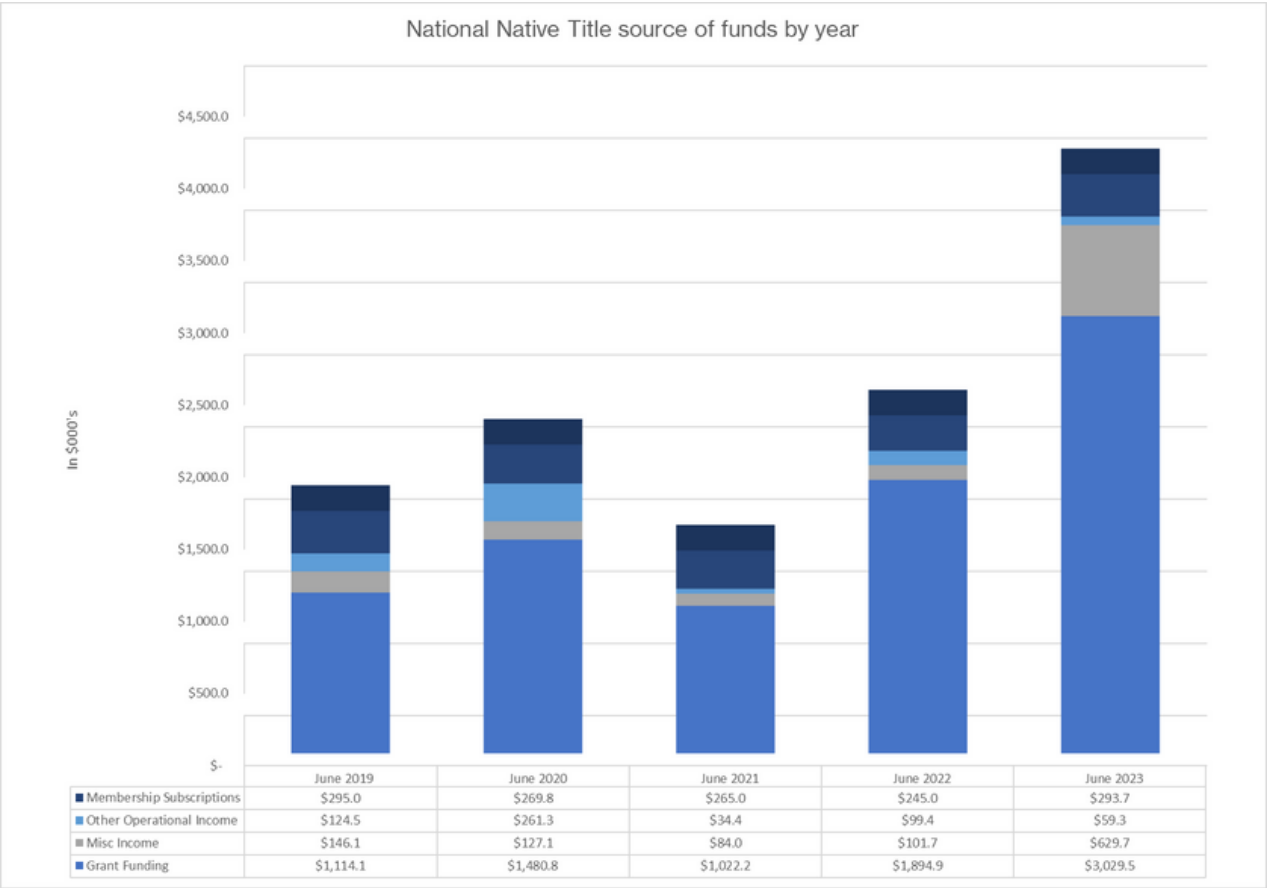
Since the end of June 2023, the NNTC has accepted one new Regional Member and four new Local Members.



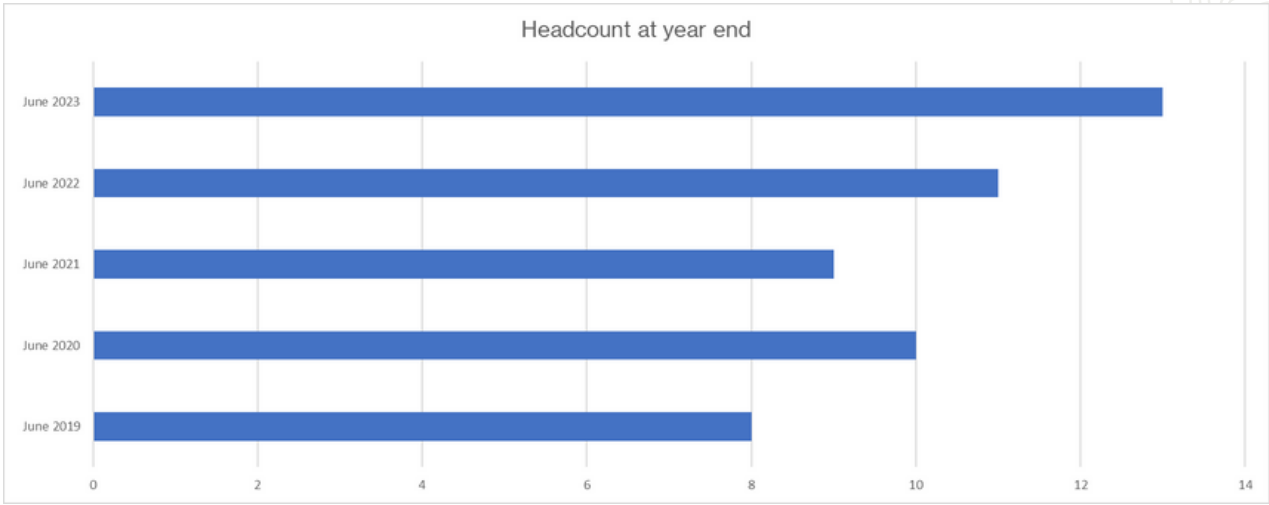


# FUNDING AND STAFFING

The NNTC has grown significantly over the last five years. The following graphs show the growth in revenue and expenditure:



The NNTC's staffing profile has continued to grow over 2022-23 and we now have 15 staff members located in Perth, Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra, Broome and other regional locations across Australia. The following graph shows the staffing growth over the last 5 years:



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 47 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.



## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

During 2022-23, the NNTC Board developed a new Strategic Plan (**see Attachment**) for the NNTC to operationalise over the next five years. The NNTC Board elected a strategic planning subcommittee who worked closely with NNTC staff and pro bono consultants, Boston Consulting Group, to facilitate a workshop with members to develop a strategic planning report and summary.

The NNTC strategic planning workshop was held with members from the 25-26 October 2022 at the Esplanade Fremantle Hotel by Rydges on Whadjuk Noongar country.

The draft report was prepared and distributed to the Board in December 2022. The NNTC Board and members were provided opportunity for feedback in early 2023 and the report was finalized shortly after and provided to the Board.

From this report, an outline of the strategic planning process was prepared. The development of the new strategic plan was completed during the reporting period and endorsed by the Board in August 2023. However, the new strategic objectives form the structure of this report for clarity and continuation of reporting to members over the next five years.



## PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

During the 2022-23 financial year, 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. PBC Futures: funding and investment reform
4. PBC Steering Group
5. National Native Title Compensation Strategy and Agreement Framework (SOMCOM)
6. PBC regional forums
7. PBC Director Training
8. Renewables – Boundless project, supporting First Nations Clean Energy Network (FNCEN)

Additionally, the NNTC progressed several unfunded projects and activities, including:

1. Supporting a Yes Vote for the Voice to Parliament
2. ETAG and reform to the Native Title Act 1999
3. Future Act review and reform: a national snapshot (see Attachment)
4. The transition to NetZero Australia – the role of PBCs and native title holders
5. Opportunities for PBC's access to capital
6. Regional land valuation opportunities for PBCs
7. Rights of PBCs in offshore energy regulation
8. Supporting reform and awareness to carbon offsetting
9. Reform to inland water rights



# WHOLE OF COUNTRY RIGHTS

## First Nations Heritage Protection Alliance and cultural heritage reform

The NNTC strategic objective in cultural heritage is to see legislation at a state / territory and national level that gives effect to the relevant principles contained in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). Achieving this objective will ensure that:

- Traditional Owners have control over their own cultural heritage through the application of Free, Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) principles;
- PBCs (and other similar Traditional Owner corporations) are resourced and empowered to discharge their functions as a representative institution under UNDRIP with respect to cultural heritage and through this function enhance their self-determination and nation rebuilding capacity.

Critical to achieving this strategic objective is the work being undertaken in developing Commonwealth Cultural Heritage legislation.

- As the lead organisation (and secretariat) of the First Nations Heritage Protection Alliance the NNTC has been engaging with the Commonwealth in a legislative reform co-design process since 2020.
- The object of this process is to see Commonwealth legislation that implements the (Dhawura Ngilan) Best Practice Standards in Indigenous Cultural Heritage Management and Legislation (Standards). The Standards articulate the requirements of UNDRIP in the context of cultural heritage. This has taken on particular significance with the Referendum on the Voice and the spotlight being shone on Traditional Owner rights. The developments in Western Australia have increased the challenge and fluidity of this work.
- Meetings of both the Alliance Leadership and the general Alliance membership have progressed PBC perspectives being included in the development of a legislative framework.

The First Nations Heritage Protection Alliance will hold a Full Meeting on 23 October (pending at the time of writing). This meeting will consider the suitability of the reform model being proposed by the Commonwealth. This model contemplates legislation that:

- Is declaration based (that is protection of cultural heritage requires an application, but a Commonwealth declaration would override a state approval).
- Implements FPIC into cultural heritage decisions.
- Ensures PBCs (and equivalent organisations) are the vehicle of FPIC and the only body who can make a declaration application and are required to be engaged for (eg EPBC or offshore consultation requirements).
- Will lead to significant funding for PBCs to discharge these functions.
- Will establish a statutory First Nations Cultural Heritage Council with a function to consider declaration applications and identify relevant Traditional Owners where there is no PBC (or equivalent) both for Cultural Heritage purposes and other Commonwealth legislative purposes (as above).



## 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

<https://www.dcceew.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/dhawura-ngilan-vision-atsi-heritage.pdf> 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 have 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.

We aim to launch the guides in late 2023 at an event attended by industry and government leaders.

## Sea Country Rights

In December 2022, the Full Federal Court confirmed a decision to overturn an approval by National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environment Management Authority (NOPSEMA) of an offshore drilling environmental plan (EP). The decision was based on the finding that Santos had not undertaken any or sufficient consultations with Traditional Owners who had interests in the area.

Consequently, NOPSEMA has identified the need for a Consultation Framework to be developed and, on 21-22 June 2023, NOPSEMA facilitated the National Summit on Consultation on Offshore Petroleum Activities with First Nations Peoples (NOPSEMA Summit), to discuss the situation and attempt to reach a way forward.

No resolution was reached at the Summit but there was agreement that Australian Energy Producers (AEP) (then called the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA)), would fund a Traditional Owner organised meeting so that all affected Traditional Owner Groups could participate. The NNTC is the secretariat for this meeting, the National Sea Country Alliance Summit, to be held in Darwin on 6-7 November 2023.

It is anticipated that up to 90 PBCs and other relevant Traditional Owner organisations will attend the meeting which will explore the principles behind a regulatory reform and benefit sharing structures that will be necessary to implement any viable Consultation Framework



## Environment Legislative Reform

The Commonwealth Government has committed to introduce significant amendments to the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC) by November this year. The reforms will establish an Environment Protection Agency. They will also establish mandatory standards that the EPA will assess all EPBC applications against. One of these mandatory standards is an 'Indigenous Engagement and Participation in Decision Making Standard.'


The drafting of the Indigenous Engagement Standard is being undertaken by a working group comprising 2 Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) staff, the EPBC Indigenous advisory committee co-chairs, Jamie Lowe for the Alliance and three other first nations people on an EOI basis. There will also be a larger Reference Group formed with more organisation representatives.

The EPBC reform will clearly, practically, have significant interaction with cultural heritage reform particularly when it comes to the resourcing framework for Local Decision-Making Groups. The work being undertaken by DCCEEW, on both Cultural Heritage and Environmental Legislation, is considering interrelated cultural heritage recognition and structures.





# SUPPORTING PBC LED NATIONS AND GOVERNANCE



## PBC Investment - national sector reform

In 2021, the NNTC commissioned the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research (CAEPR) at the Australian National University (ANU) to develop a future fund model – a sovereign wealth fund – for the PBC sector, outlined in a co-authored report [available online](#).

On 24 November 2022, the Government tabled in Parliament its response to the Juukan Gorge Inquiry – A Way Forward. The report contains two recommendations (7 and 8) specifically relating to PBCs, which the National Indigenous Australians' Agency (NIAA) is responsible for.

The need for a funding review and the implementation of a new model is now urgent. The NNTC is working closely with NIAA, the PBC Steering Group and our members to develop, coordinate and advocate for new, secure funding options for the sector to leverage the findings of the Juukan Gorge Inquiry in the current term of the new government.

The NNTC has six focus areas of work to ensure a new funding model is adopted by the Commonwealth and supported by the sector, stakeholders and public. These are:

1. Working with our members on a range of secure and ongoing funding options.
2. Working with governments and the sector on a funding compact and implementation framework.
3. Coordinating and optimising existing investment and revenue options.
4. Mapping the state of the sector to show clear pathways forward for the implementation of a new fund.
5. Building public support with well-developed regional value propositions and success stories of PBCs.
6. Building sector and public support with a national native title and First Nations rights education campaign.

The NNTC is working to a tight 18-month timeframe to build on existing political will and momentum within the current Government and the sector more broadly and will be presenting options to Minister Burney in December 2023.



## PBC Steering Group

Following the inaugural PBC Steering Group meeting in October 2022, the group has participated in three meetings over the course of the reporting period: one online, one in Naarm and one in Meanjin. These meetings have covered several discussion areas but have been strongly focused on developing a joint PBC investment reform program with NIAA, to reform funding programs to the native title sector.

The PBC Steering Group members have been working towards developing sustainable funding model options, which will be presented to Minister Burney in December 2023. The lead up to the development phase of these funding model options has highlighted the complexity of the current fiscal arrangement and stressed the importance of centering PBC rights, statutory obligations, and needs. Steering Group members have contributed valuable expertise and data to support the immediate need for funding reform to recognise the role that PBCs have at all levels of government and within their communities.

## PBC Director Training

After a two-year absence due to Covid 19, the NNTC commenced the delivery of PBC Directors Training. March saw the first roll out of the Directors Training held in Perth with 25 Directors / staff in attendance. This was followed up by a PBC Training session being delivered in Cairns with 10 participants for the four-day training session.

Both sessions were attended by NNTC staff with trainers from Storey and Ward, QSNTS, Waalitj Hub and ETMP. The feedback provided by participants was very positive, with participants stating they learnt so much around PBC and Directors' responsibilities, 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 that the NNTC deliver additional sessions later in the year.



Training participants during the PBC Director Training held in Adelaide





## PBC Regional Forums

Following the hiatus from COVID-19, PBC Regional Forums have now recommenced with several forums having been delivered over the previous financial year, including Kimberley, Pilbara, Central Australia, North Queensland, Victoria and Cape York regions. Discussions are currently being held with CDNTS and QSNTS for forums to be delivered in Perth or Kalgoorlie and 3 areas of southern Queensland respectively.

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.

## Developing a relationship with Herron Todd White

During 2022/23 the NNTC has been developing a relationship with Herron Todd White (HTW), one of the largest independent property valuation and advisory groups in Australia. HTW's current CEO is keen to build a relationship with the NNTC and PBCs around the country.

HTW is also interested in exploring mutually beneficial opportunities with PBCs around the country. In recent months the NNTC has written to several PBCs to offer them an opportunity to meet with the leadership of HTW in their State if they are interested in exploring potential opportunities of establishing a working relationship with HTW.



# 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 2022/23 on work to develop an inland waters target under the National Agreement. Early in 2022 the Commonwealth commissioned PWC Indigenous Consulting to prepare a baseline research report to provide a foundation for establishing a national baseline of water ownership. The Coalition of Peaks determined that the data was not adequate, and a further review report has been undertaken by experts from the University of Melbourne and Griffith University.

Now that the Peer Review Report has been finalised it will be presented to the Partnership Working Group and the Joint Council later in the year. The Peaks will be recommending that the University of Melbourne be commissioned to undertake further research to develop an accurate and robust baseline for an inland waters target.

## Productivity Commission Review



The Productivity Commission is currently undertaking the first review of progress under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap and has been consulting extensively across the country. The NNTC met with Commissioner Romlie Mokak and provided its perspective on the limited progress that has been made. It is anticipated that the Commission will make constructive suggestions in its final report in December 2023 for ways in which governments can work more effectively in partnership with First Nations organisation to make greater progress under the National Agreement.



# ENABLE TREATY AND STRONG AGREEMENTS



## National native title compensation strategy and agreement framework

Throughout the year the NNTC continued to engage on compensation related matters with NTRB/SPs, PBCs and native title holders as well as with the Federal, State and Territory governments and other stakeholders. This included participating in the government forum on compensation (SOMCOM) involving senior government officers from the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department, NIAA, and State and Territory Governments.

The NNTC also chaired the Expert Technical Advisory Group (ETAG) that was reconvened to provide input to the Attorney-General's Department on potential amendments to the Native Title Regulations that were due to be renewed late in 2023, and also to consider broader native title reforms. The NNTC drafted a discussion paper on broader reforms to the native title system and the NTA that was presented to ETAG and discussed at its meeting early in 2023. The NNTC also provided a copy of this paper directly to the Commonwealth Attorney-General prior to meeting with him in June this year.

In July 2022 the NNTC was able to resume presenting Compensation Information Workshops for PBCs and native title holders post-COVID. The first workshop was held in Carnarvon in collaboration with YMAC, and this was followed by a workshop in Melbourne with FNLRs and FVTOC, in NSW with NTSCORP, and in the Northern Territory where the NNTC provided an overview of compensation issues for Lhere Artepe Aboriginal Corporation, the PBC for Alice Springs.

Online Community of Practice meetings for senior legal staff from NTRB/SPs were also convened throughout the year to facilitate the sharing of information on native title compensation developments across the country. The NNTC has also continued to update the compensation educational material on its website and is developing three short animated educational videos on native title and compensation.

In mid-2023 NIAA approved extending the Compensation Information Project so that the NNTC can refine the compensation strategy for the needs of NTRB/SPs and PBCs in developing relevant test cases, continuing to provide and share information about native title compensation across the sector, and develop an alternative compensation framework and principles to provide a foundation for fair and just compensation settlements.



## National snapshot: reform to the future acts regime

In November 2022, the Australian Government agreed in principle to Recommendation 4 of Juukan Gorge final report, which recommended reviewing the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) with the aim of addressing inequalities in the negotiating position of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in the context of the future act regime.

To build an evidence base for reform, the NNTC is working with its members to build a national picture of the practical experience of PBCs, NTRB/SPs and native title holders with the future acts regime and to suggest legislative and policy reforms that will help to address imbalances of power to better protect native title rights.

The NNTC has prepared a discussion paper, the purpose of which is to provide a snapshot of the review and seek feedback from NNTC's members on the preliminary suggested reforms to the regime and advocacy pathways to achieve them moving forward. A copy of the discussion paper is attached to the agenda for the Council meeting, scheduled to follow the Annual General Meeting.

## Critical Minerals

The release of the Critical Minerals Strategy 2023-2030 in late June 2023, followed extensive public consultation during which no approaches had been made to native title organisations or the NNTC seeking the views of Traditional Owners.

Consequently, the NNTC has made representations to the Department of Industry, Science and Resources (DISR) regarding concerns about the Strategy, in particular around the non-specific recommendations regarding engagement with First Nations communities.

While at a tentative stage of policy development the NNTC is currently exploring development of a 'model ILUA' that ensures appropriate cultural heritage, co-management, economic participation, and benefit sharing provisions for affected Traditional Owners. The model ILUA would also be structured around the particular physical characteristics of critical mineral extraction and (as adapted via individual negotiations) be a mandatory pre-condition for a proponent receiving any Commonwealth critical mineral strategy funding.





# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR STRONG REGIONAL AND TRANSITIONAL ECONOMIES

## First Nations powering the transition

The NNTC was successful in joint funding applications with the University of Melbourne to Boundless Earth Ltd and the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation for projects addressing the barriers facing Traditional Owners from being active participants in the clean energy transition and to develop a pilot course on clean energy for Traditional Owners. To date, native title holders have mostly played a passive role in medium-to-large scale clean energy projects occurring on their Country.

The Boundless project will involve conducting workshops and documenting case studies to highlight key barriers and a roadmap for overcoming them. The scoping of case studies began in mid-2023 and will run throughout the course of 2024.

## First Nations, Clean Energy and finance: access to capital

Access to capital is a key obstacle preventing native title holders from becoming active participants in medium to large scale clean energy projects, particularly to support early-stage feasibility studies and financial and legal advice, and to enable communities to take equity positions in projects.

In the last year, the NNTC has led conversations about access to capital, including the potential to establish a First Nations Clean Energy Fund with key partners, including the First Nations Clean Energy Network, Westpac, and the Department of Treasury.

The preliminary idea behind a Clean Energy Fund would be for it to raise funds from government and other sources to then support First Nations communities, including PBCs, to access funds at low cost. It could potentially also offer advisory services (such as market scans, advice on due diligence and deal structure etc).

## Australian Sustainable Finance Taxonomy

The Australian Sustainable Finance Institute is spearheading the development of a Sustainable Finance Taxonomy for Australia. This will be a tool to assess whether financial investments and products are truly "sustainable". In September 2023, the NNTC joined the Minimum Social Safeguards expert advisory group to provide advice on issues affecting native title holders, particularly around Free Prior and Informed Consent.



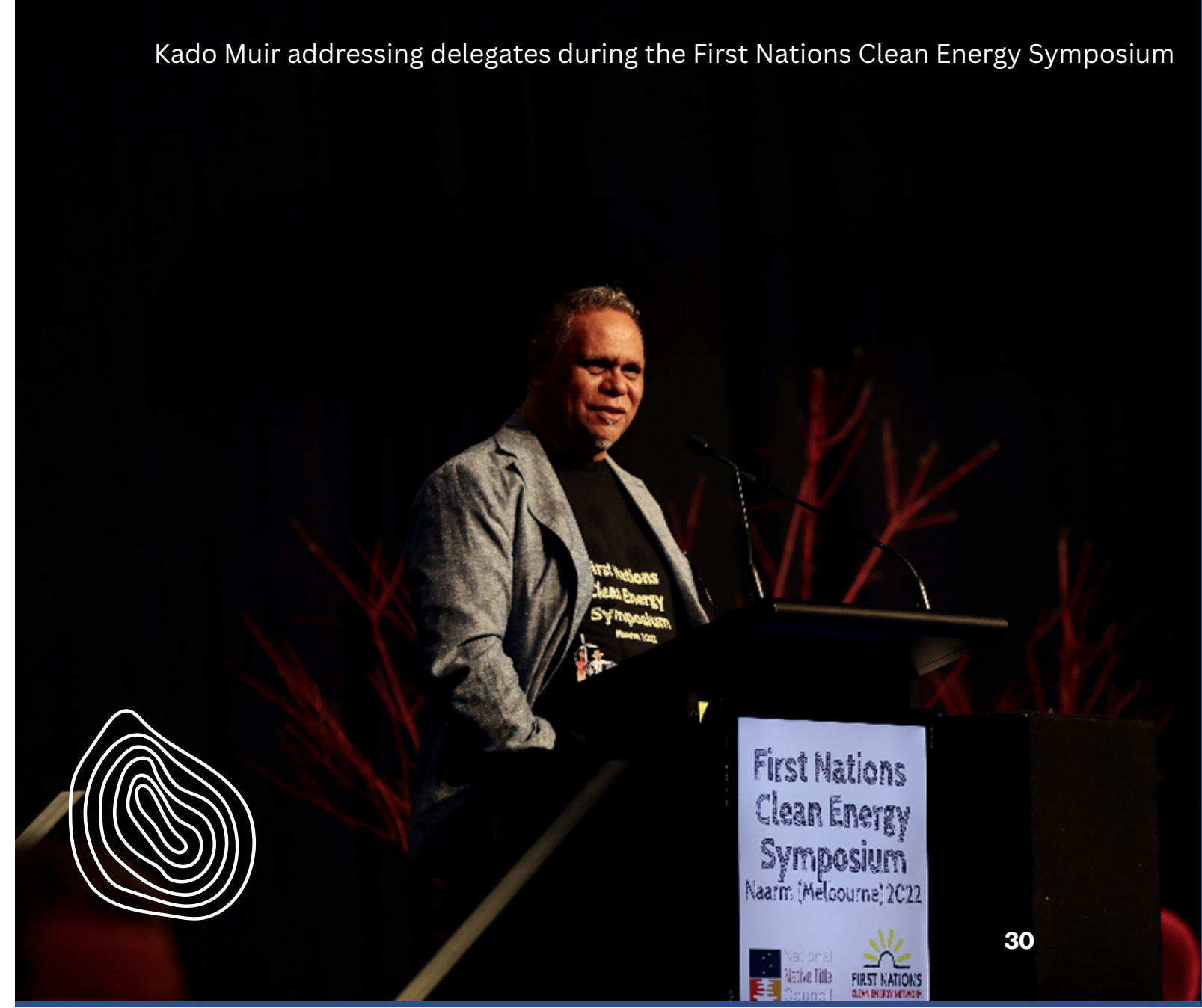


# EVENTS, SUMMITS AND CONFERENCES

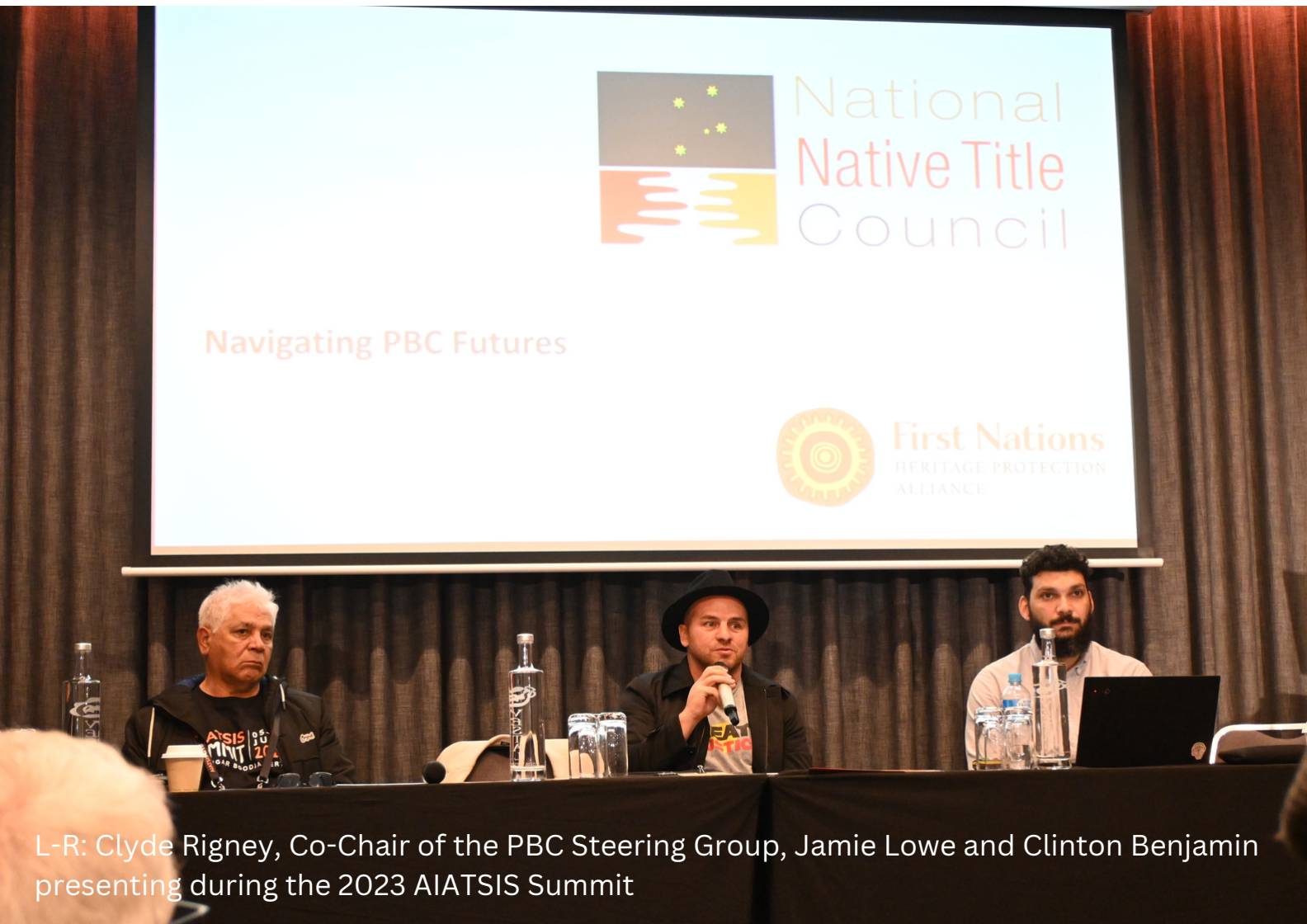
## First Nations Clean Energy Symposium

Hosted by the NNTC, the First Nations Clean Energy Network and the Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation. As the Albanese government began its commitment to prioritising Australia's renewables boom and enshrining a First Nations voice to Parliament, a two day symposium was held in Melbourne at the Grand Hyatt that brought together First Nations communities, government, industry, unions and experts, to ensure First Nations people would play a central role and benefit from the opportunities this creates.

Kado Muir addressing delegates during the First Nations Clean Energy Symposium







L-R: Clyde Rigney, Co-Chair of the PBC Steering Group, Jamie Lowe and Clinton Benjamin presenting during the 2023 AIATSIS Summit

### 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 and/or participated in many national and regional forums and events, including:

1. National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Treaty Forum, June 2022, Naarm
2. Kimberley Land Council Regional Forum, July 2022, Broome
3. Australian Clean Energy Summit, July 2022, Sydney
4. First Nations Clean Energy Symposium, July 2022, Naarm
5. YMAC PBC Regional Forum, July 2022, Carnarvon
6. Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation Water Roundtable, August 2022
7. Regional Planning Roundtable (DCCEEW), August 2022, Canberra
8. First Nations Heritage Protection Alliance and Office for the Arts - Intangible Cultural Heritage Convention, August 2022
9. NTRB/NTSP CEO Forum, August 2022, Canberra

10. Joint Council on Closing the Gap, August 2022, Adelaide
11. AIATSIS NTRB/NTSP Legal Workshop, August 2022, Naarm
12. Australian Minerals Industry Parliamentary Dinner, August 2022, Canberra
13. Environment Protection Reform Workshop – DCCEEW, September 2022
14. ICOMOS Annual and Extraordinary General Assemblies, October 2022
15. ANTAR National Forum, October 2022, Canberra
16. National Centre for Native Title and Indigenous Economic Development Workshop, October 2022, Canberra
17. Herron Todd White Senior Leaders' Conference, October 2022, Brisbane
18. Discussion on Truth Telling and Ambassador for First Nations People – DFAT/NIAA, October 2022
19. Sharm el-Sheikh Climate Change Conference (COP27), November 2022, Egypt
20. First Nations Water Reform, December 2022, Sydney
21. Environmental Law Reform Roundtable – DCCEEW, December 2022, Canberra
22. National Roundtable for Indigenous Protected Areas, February 2023
23. Nature Repair Market Consultation, February 2023, Canberra
24. UNGCNA / Alliance - Voice to Parliament, March 2023
25. Renewables Investment Workshop, April 2023, Naarm
26. Indigenous Voice Panel Discussion, April 2023, Perth
27. Cultural Heritage Reform Workshop, April 2023, Sydney
28. First Nations Portfolio, ANU, Economic Development Workshop, April 2023, Canberra
29. ANU-NNTC First Nations Water Round Table, May 2023, Canberra
30. Australian Council of Superannuation Investors Conference, May 2023, Sydney
31. Responsible Investment Australia 2023 Conference, May 2023, Naarm
32. AIATSIS Summit, June 2023, Perth
33. Central Land Council Regional Forum, June 2023, Alice Springs
34. National Summit on Consultation on Offshore Petroleum Activities, June 2023, Perth



# COMMUNICATIONS AND MEDIA



During the past financial year, the Media Department continued to build on the profiles of Chairman Kado Muir and CEO Jamie Lowe and the work of the NNTC and FNHPA. High profile media outlets such as the ABC, The Guardian, The Age, The Financial Review, NITV, the Australian, Business News etc covered topics such as The 30 Years of Mabo Anniversary and the MABO legacy; the AIATSIS Summit; the Clean Energy Summit; The Shane Montgomery Case; Federal Government funding for Cultural Heritage Protection; additional reporting on the destruction of Juukan Gorge; Mining on Indigenous Lands; extensive coverage for the Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation Native Title Determination with international focus from the US and NZ; The Tjiwarl Historic Settlement; The Yes Campaign and The WA Cultural Heritage Act 'revamp'. For the first time Kado Muir was featured as the cover story for the Urbanist Magazine (WA).

Early this year work commenced on the Native Title Compensation Videos commissioning Jeremy Worall – Head Graphic Designer for NITV, Cul-de-Sac Design for Production; Interviews; Center for Aboriginal Music Studies for the music score using First Nations Peoples talent for Voice Overs.

The NNTC actively supports First Nations businesses. We appointed NGNY for our website rebuilds and DNBII branding and Blacklock Media to film the Cultural Heritage Stories and began the planning process in finding case studies with our members to highlight the meaning and importance of Cultural Heritage and the need for stronger federal legislation.



# COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND ALLIANCES



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

1. Close the Gap Refresh: Coalition of Peaks and member of Joint Council
2. First Nations Clean Energy Network
3. ETAG – Native Title Act amendments
4. National Co-Design Group – The Voice (Constitutional Recognition)
5. WA Alliance of Native Title Representative Bodies and Service Providers
6. First Nations Heritage Protection Alliance
7. Compensation Community of Practice – PLOs and senior lawyers from NTRB/SPs
8. SOMCOM – Senior Government Officers Meetings on Compensation
9. Community of Practice co-convened with the Minerals Council of Australia
10. Referendum Engagement Group
11. National Indigenous Carbon Forum Working Group
12. NetZero Australia Advisory Group







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