



ABORIGINAL  
CARBON  
FOUNDATION

**2024**

**2029**

**Strategic  
Plan**

SUMMARY

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We are driven to create a new world of opportunities for Traditional Owners, Elders and community members, while utilising cultural lore, knowledge and practices



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# Summary

The Aboriginal Carbon Foundation (AbCF) strives to achieve economic independence and community prosperity for First Nations peoples through innovative, Indigenous-led solutions for landscape restoration and climate change.

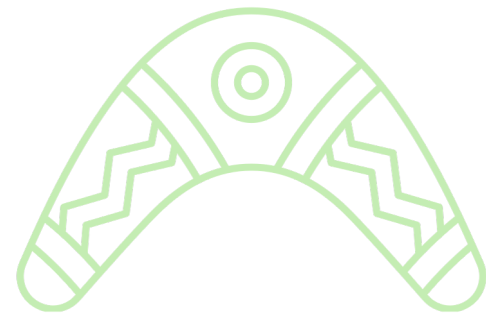




# **Our Vision**

**Aboriginal Carbon Foundation (AbCF) drives economic independence and community prosperity with First Nations peoples through innovative Indigenous-led restorative landscape and climate change solutions.**

# Company Values



Indigeneity



First Nations  
Justice & Equity



First Nations-  
Led



Collaboration

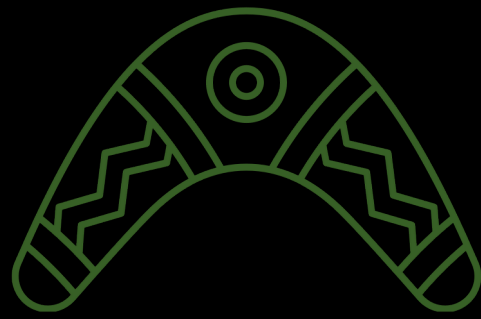


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## Indigeneity

First Nations' culture, community and lore are at the forefront of everything we do, our ethos is centred around First Nations' knowledge, science and technology in the application of taking care of country for future generations.



## First Nations-led

We listen and engage with communities and Traditional Owners and support self-determined community development initiatives.



## People-Centred

By putting people and culture first we create a unique way of working with and alongside First Nations to improve the social and emotional wellbeing for all First Nations people.



## First Nations Justice & Equity

We develop new systems that benefit communities and address climate change and challenge unjust structures that oppress the Global South and First Nations people.



## Collaboration

We join forces with like-minded Indigenous organisations and communities, carbon companies, NGOs, conservation groups, universities, industry and governments acknowledging that together we can achieve greater impact.



## Integrity & Accountability

We are a lean organisation and are responsive to the needs of communities and traditional owners and act honestly, ethically and are accountable for our actions.

# Our Approach



Indigenous people safeguard 80% of the world's remaining biodiversity. Therefore, the best way to improve the health of land, rivers and seas and the lives of First Nations peoples globally, is to put the power back into Indigenous hands. We do this through a strengths-based, community driven cultural framework, that supports First Nations experts in land, lore and caring for Country to develop their own biodiversity and climate solutions that demonstrate environmental, social, economic and cultural core benefits. Our ethos is grounded in First Nations' knowledge, science and technology to take care of Country for future generations.

# Our Goals



# Goal #1

Indigenous-led initiatives that draw on ancient cultural lore and cutting-edge technology (carbon farming, nature repair, and climate solutions) are scaled throughout Australia and the Indo-Pacific region

## Strategies

- AbCF promotes our services and supports the development and maintenance of multiple projects simultaneously through our technical ability and human resource capacity. AbCF implements training courses nationally and issues qualifications to successful participants through the development of relationships with Indigenous-led RTOS. AbCF builds a pool of Indigenous verifiers to conduct core-benefits verification of carbon farming, nature repair and climate solutions and stories of impact are promoted. AbCF unlocks the financing needed for scaling Indigenous-led initiatives through our technical and human resources abilities.



# Goal #2

Strength-based and self-determining community development leads to increased economic sovereignty.

# Strategies

- AbCF implements self-determining community development planning processes with our partners to deliver community aspirations using existing skills and experiences.
- AbCF supports our partners in the development, implementation, and impact measurement of community development initiatives.



# Goal #3

Indigenous-led solutions and expertise is advocated and eco-colonial, problems-narratives are exposed and dismantled.

# Strategies

- AbCF promotes Indigenous ways of knowing, being and doing for their ancient wisdom and connection to place, at all events attended.
- AbCF social media and communications promote Indigenous-led stories of impact.



# Goal #4

The AbCF is the go-to Indigenous led organisation for the development and sale of high integrity carbon farming, nature repair and climate change initiatives within Australia, and the Indo-Pacific.

# Strategies

- The AbCF majority Indigenous Board and staff are high performing and respected throughout the variety of sectors AbCF is engaged with.
- Clients and partners know they are in safe hands through buying our credits and promoting their association with the AbCF as it will benefit their company and industry.
- We actively trade Australian Carbon Credit Units and a variety of Biodiversity Credits through Catalyst Markets.
- A strong network of partnerships with NAILSMA, Firesticks Alliance, ICIN, Land Councils, Native Title PBCs, Land Trusts, First Nations organisations and reputable carbon companies exists.
- The Core Benefits Verification Framework and nationally accredited training programs are a well-accepted industry standard for high integrity carbon projects.
- Traditional Owners in Australia and First Nations in the Indo-Pacific know their best interests and market prices in the voluntary market are achieved through working with the AbCF.

# Goal #5

AbCF is financially secure, with sustainable funding streams that enables steady organisational growth.

## Strategies

- Employment of new staff with the mandate to drive verification and training initiatives as well as the development of new areas. AbCF commercialises and
- markets products such as the Core Benefits Verification Framework, Aboriginal Carbon Farming training course and Self-determining Community Development. Secure Public Benevolent Institution (PBI) status and Deductible Gift
- Recipient (DGR) endorsement, enabling philanthropy funding and a suite of fundraising activities such as events, direct giving, and appeals.

# Our Team



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# Thank You

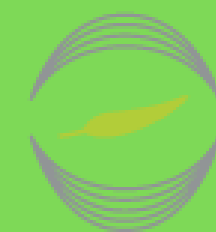
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