

First Nations – Land and Sea Country



Capability and Expertise for engaging with First Nations groups, understanding cultural values and sensitivities (tangible and intangible) that may be impacted and designing programs to mitigate, manage and protect cultural values.

The Challenge

The 'Commonwealth marine area' as defined under the EPBC Act includes the ecological social, economic and cultural aspects of the environment. These aspects will need to be assessed as part of an EPBC Act assessment.

Consultation with all First Nations groups for tangible and intangible values of Commonwealth marine areas will be required in order to inform assessment and decision making.

State waters and land areas of projects may impact on land interests (e.g. Native Title) and registered cultural sites (state Aboriginal Heritage Protection laws).

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984 enables the prevention of a significant Aboriginal area or object from being desecrated or damaged.

The Underwater Cultural Heritage Act 2018 protects UCH defined as 'any trace of human existence that: has a cultural, historical or archaeological character; and is located under water'. This includes First Nations UCH. It is an offence to disturb protected underwater cultural heritage without a permit.

National Interest considerations for developers must include opportunities for socio-economic development for Traditional Owner groups and First Nations peoples.

Why Energise?

Significant experience nationally in ensuring early engagement and genuine and meaningful relationships with First Nations groups.

Underwater cultural heritage assessments undertaken by our service partner, Cosmos Archaeology to deliver specialised underwater cultural heritage due diligence and detailed First Nations, as well as maritime, archaeological assessments.

We lead engagement and consultation required for regulatory assessments (e.g. OIR Management Plans and relevant Commonwealth and State approvals) utilising relevant experience and expertise.

We support the development of Agreements, Partnerships and Benefit Sharing opportunities through a bespoke Land and Sea management program.

Socio-economic outcomes for First Nations people can be achieved through co-designed programs including capacity building, employment opportunities, local Aboriginal owned business development and land and sea ranger program support.

Significant contribution to the National Interest and Feasibility Licence Application advantage and meeting requirements for Commercial Licence.



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MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL OUTCOMES

Focus on early, honest and authentic engagement and relationship building.

Regulatory requirements met for consultation, engagement and participation with First Nations communities and groups.

Competitive advantage in First Nations National Interest considerations for Feasibility License Applications and Commercial License submissions.

Long term partnerships and agreements with First Nations groups support assessments at all regulatory stages.

Opportunities for First Nations people to benefit socially and economically from energy transition.

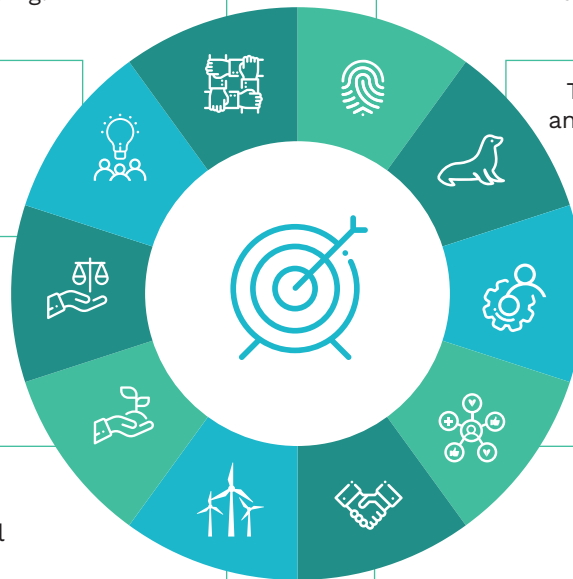
Bespoke service and unique program tailored to community and proponent needs.

Traditional Owner led design of land and sea programs for Cultural Natural Resource Management (CNRM) of cultural values and sites.

Best practice assessment and management achieving regulatory requirements and aspirations of traditional owners.

Protection and management of cultural values and heritage.

Cultural licence to operate.



FIVE PILLARS OF THE LAND AND SEA COUNTRY SERVICE

Sea Country plans and economic development

Work with First Nations people to develop Sea Country Plans implemented through Ranger programs and economic growth opportunities within the region within which the project occurs.

Agreements and partnerships

Develop agreements and partnerships that enable the effective management of the project including defined roles and pathways for training, upskilling and Sea Country management programs as part of project implementation.

Relationships – Renewed, Restored, Revitalised

Through the development and implementation of a ‘Renew Relations’ authentic Engagement Program, First Nations people are engaged and empowered to participate in renewable energy project discussions from the outset and to be involved for the whole of the project’s life cycle.

Informed site selection and project design

Site selection and early engineering design considerations are informed by due diligence assessments, early engagement and available information from reputable sources.

Detailed heritage and cultural value assessments and mitigation

Through targeted, planned and appropriate consultation with first nations people and by using suitable qualified experts, undertake detailed heritage and cultural values assessments to understand values and avoid, minimise and manage impacts.

