



# 08 Partnership agreements

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## What to expect

### **Agreements should be clear, fair, and respectful.**

They should support good communication, shared decision-making, and opportunities to build skills. Make sure key project details are confirmed before signing an agreement.

- ☐ Who has the right to speak for Country
- ☐ What rules need to be followed – within the Community and with the partner
- ☐ Who can make decisions
- ☐ How will Community be kept informed

### **Check agreements to see if they include:**

#### **1. Roles, and responsibilities**

- ☐ What is going to happen
- ☐ What you've agreed to do
- ☐ What they've agreed to do
- ☐ Time frames – how long is the project and when will things happen
- ☐ Who is responsible

#### **2. Protection of cultural heritage and environment**

- ☐ Sacred sites
- ☐ Environmental values / caring for Country
- ☐ Cultural knowledge [01 Protecting cultural knowledge]

#### **3. Project governance and decision-making**

- ☐ Who makes decisions
- ☐ How disputes are resolved
- ☐ When updates are provided, to who, and how
- ☐ How progress will be tracked
- ☐ How outcomes will be assessed [05 Governance and decision making]

#### **4. Shared benefits**

- ☐ Job opportunities
- ☐ Training opportunities
- ☐ Money the project earns
- ☐ Other benefits [07 Benefits assessment]

#### **5. Legal and ethical compliance**

- ☐ Clauses for engagement, consent and protection of cultural knowledge
- ☐ Clauses for dispute resolution, review, changing, and ending the agreement