

OUR LAND OUR FUTURE

Investing in Australia's Indigenous Estate



Australian Government
Indigenous Land Corporation



The ILC GROUP



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Partnering with you to create opportunities

The Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) is a corporate Commonwealth entity, established to enhance Australia's Indigenous Estate – from the land and waters in which Indigenous people have interests, to the culture, heritage, knowledge, and the Indigenous people themselves.

▲ Port Smith Lagoon, WA

The Our Land Our Future funding program assists Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, across Australia, to acquire, manage, use, care for, and improve land.

It's designed to open up opportunities for Indigenous Australians and enjoy greater economic, environmental, social and cultural benefits.

WHO DOES THE ILC WORK WITH?

We partner with a wide range of entities who share our vision for enhancing the Indigenous Estate and providing benefits to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. These include Indigenous organisations, government, corporate and philanthropic sectors.

< FRONT COVER: Landscape Koorelah, Vic. Jackaroo Jamaal Witchen, NT



HOW THE ILC CAN PARTNER WITH YOU?

Through the funding program, the ILC offers a range of flexible investment options to assist you in managing or developing your land:

- > **Small land management grants** of up to \$100,000
- > **Large land management grants** greater than \$100,000 for larger projects that fit within the ILC investment criteria
- > **Repayable grants** where you have the ability to repay or the project is likely to generate profits
- > **Joint venture or equity arrangements** for projects above \$1 million, where the ILC engages with organisations in a business partnership arrangement.

The ILC funding program can also assist in acquiring land that has the potential to provide sustainable economic, environmental or cultural benefits.



DEVELOPING YOUR IDEAS

▲ Kakadu Plums



▲ Karajarri Rangers, WA

For most projects under \$100,000 there is a simple application process, while for those valued at more than \$100,000, we can work with you to develop the project through discussions, workshops and feasibility assessments.

Have a chat to an ILC staff member and see how we can assist.

There are no set funding rounds, so you can approach us at any time.



WHAT DOES THE ILC INVEST IN?

Our funding program was created to support the strategic acquisition of land, and the development of land-based projects, which help maximise the opportunities and benefits of Indigenous assets.

Our investment priorities sets out where we ideally partner with Indigenous people and organisations, particularly in the areas of:

- > Agribusiness
- > Niche Indigenous products e.g. 'bush foods'
- > Tourism
- > Renewable energies
- > Urban development

We are keen to work with you to attract investment partners, support sustainable development, and take advantage of current and emerging markets.

< Yirralka Ranger, NT



DOES YOUR PROJECT MEET THE CRITERIA?

The following checklist can help you to work out whether your project might be eligible for ILC funding. Taking into account all its elements and opportunities, will your project:

- Provide economic, environmental, social and/or cultural benefits to Indigenous people?
- Present value for money and, if enterprise-based, operate on sound business principles?
- Offer the sustainability to continue to provide benefits once the ILC's role has ceased?
- Promote Indigenous employment?
- Build the capacity of Indigenous people and corporations?
- Meet social responsibility and ethical practice standards?
- Be collaborative and, where practical, involve contributions beyond the ILC across the government, philanthropic and/or private sectors?
- Have a clear path to divestment of land or ILC exit from a partnership agreement?
- Maximise the procurement of goods and services from Indigenous businesses?

Of course, depending on the scale and nature of your project, not all of these criteria will necessarily apply.



WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

If you think you have a project that could be eligible for funding and support, or if you just want more information, head to www.ilc.gov.au and follow the links to Our Land Our Future. There you'll find all the detailed information about applying, as well as the Our Land Our Future Handbook to download.

Or call us on **1800 818 490** to chat about your project.





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