



**ABORIGINAL
CARBON FOUNDATION**



NSW Aboriginal Carbon Farming Project

Aboriginal land management in Australia goes back over 65,000 years. There is a clear and present opportunity to support a return to and expansion of traditional knowledge and practices that creates balance by its holistic approach to caring for country.

Prior to colonisation, Traditional Owners had managed their country according to culture and knowledge. The management of entire ecosystems using totems, cultural seasonal calendars, cultural fire, and thousands of generations of knowledge about which plants and animals should be in particular areas at specific times are practices that fall within the scope of Human-induced regeneration (HIR).

There are a number of carbon farming methodologies that may be applicable, including the HIR method which involves restoring land to its pre-disturbed condition. Other vegetation or nature based carbon methodologies include:

- Native forest regeneration
- Protecting native forests
- Herd management
- Plantation forestry
- Environmental plantings
- Soil carbon

Above all, these initial demonstration projects are about using carbon farming and finance to support traditional practices and income for Aboriginal people.

The Aboriginal Carbon Foundation

The Aboriginal Carbon Foundation (AbCF) catalyses life-changing, community prosperity, through carbon farming. Our aim is to build wealth for Traditional Owners, implementing carbon projects that demonstrate environmental, social and cultural core benefits, through the ethical trade of carbon credits.

The AbCF is a not-for-profit company with an Aboriginal majority Board and staff. We operate on the cutting edge of ideas and community-based solutions. We bring together people with fresh ways of working, professional experience and a desire to achieve outcomes that tackle Indigenous poverty and climate change through a strengths-based approach.

Partnerships

The AbCF has a number of corporate partnerships with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, Sydney Opera House and NIB Health Fund. A partnership normally involves one or more of the following activities:

- Guaranteed supply of premium carbon credits with verified co-benefits
- Organised visits to projects in the field
- Media releases and PR events
- Podcasts and YouTube presence
- Participation in Reconciliation Action Plans
- Presentations to staff and management
- Highlighted in investor prospectus
- Contribute to social licence to operate

Memoranda of Understanding (MoU)

The AbCF has an MoU with Greenfleet, Agforce Queensland and First Nations British Columbia. An MoU normally involves one or more of the following projects:

- Engagement in agreed projects for mutual benefits
- Development of products and services for sale
- Media releases and lobbying
- Policy development and papers for publication
- Periodic meetings of senior staff

Products and Services

The following products and services build carbon economies on Aboriginal lands and farms:

- Training
- Carbon Trading
- Verification
- Corporate Investor Relationships

Innovation and Trade

The AbCF operates on the cutting edge of ideas and community-based solutions. It brings together people with fresh ways of working, professional experience and a desire to achieve outcomes that tackle indigenous poverty and climate change through a strengths-based approach. The AbCF is developing a trading platform with Griffith University for individuals and families as well as companies and organisations.

