

A map of Australia showing various Indigenous language groups. The map is color-coded by region, with each color representing a different language group. Major cities like Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, and Adelaide are marked. The word 'ACKNOWLEDGEMENT' is written in large, bold, brown letters across the center of the map. The map also shows the Indian Ocean to the west, the Southern Ocean to the south, and the South Pacific Ocean to the east.

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

# Aboriginal Carbon Foundation

Developing the NSW Aboriginal Carbon  
Farming Market



# Aboriginal Carbon Foundation

## Purpose of Briefing

- Inform Councillors about:
  - The City's carbon neutral program and use of high-integrity carbon offsets from Indigenous-led projects
  - The not-for-profit Aboriginal Carbon Foundation and their project to develop a NSW Aboriginal Carbon Farming market



# City of Sydney

## Indigenous carbon offsets purchase

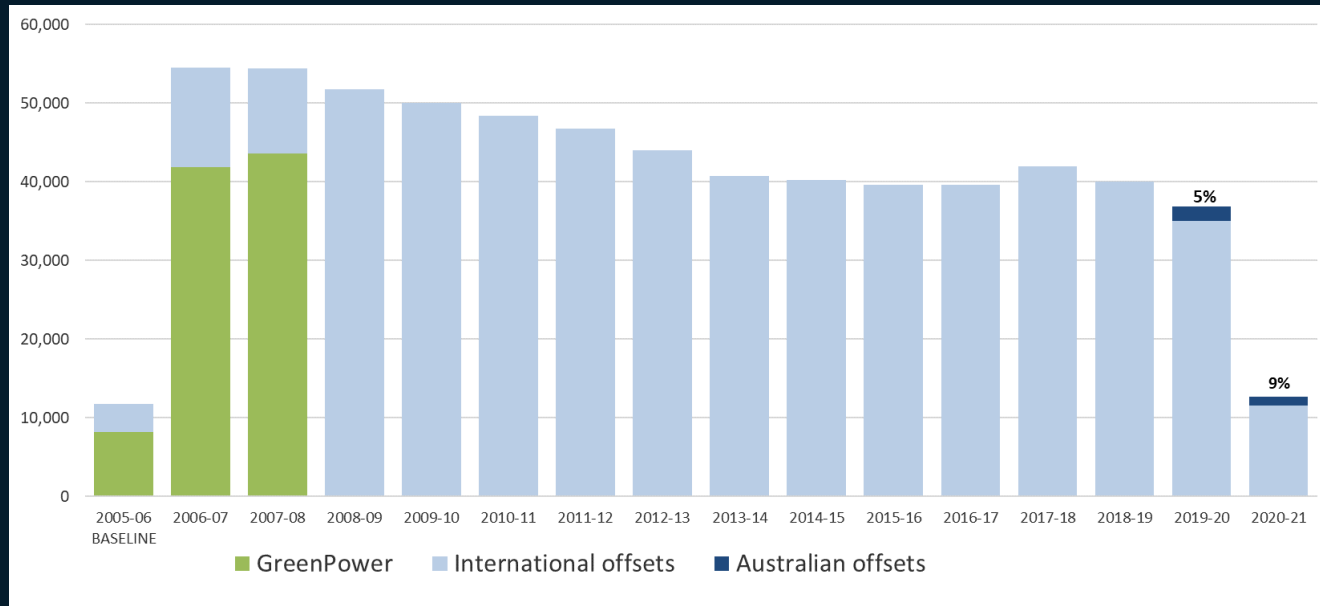
- City purchasing increasing share of Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCUs)
- Cultural fire projects with environmental, social and cultural 'core' benefits
- Integrity is paramount - this is a robust offset method
- FY20 Tiwi Islands, 5% of City's emissions
- FY21 Northern Territory, 9% of City's emissions



# City of Sydney

## Buying offsets since 2006

*We aim to use 100% high quality Australian offsets*  
- Action 3 of the City's Environmental Strategy 2021-2025



# Support for NSW project

- Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance
- \$100,000 USD Game Changer Funding
- Project Sep 21 - Jan 23
- Inspired by City's Stretch Reconciliation Plan



# ABORIGINAL CARBON FOUNDATION

- Indigenous-led
- Not for Profit
- Carbon credits with Core Benefits
- Australian verification process
- Industry best practice



# ABCF VISION

- The vision of the AbCF is to catalyse life-changing, community prosperity through carbon farming
- In doing this our aim is to build wealth for Traditional Owners and non-Aboriginal carbon farmers implementing carbon projects that demonstrate environmental, social and cultural core benefits





# NSW PROJECT

City of Sydney support

## Aims

- Create a strong market signal
- Demonstration project
- Knowledge sharing



# NSW CARBON PROJECTS



- Methods like Human Induced Regeneration (HIR)
- Buyers want locally sourced Australian Carbon Credits (ACCUs)
- Savanna burning N/A
- 162 vegetation projects in NSW
- Aboriginal controlled?
- 65,000yrs
- Traditional Owners want culture strengthened



# EARLY-MID STAGES

- Contacting Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs)
- Advertising to Aboriginal land holders/managers (Dec 2021)
- Identified potential sites – seeking investment
- Speaking with both sides of the Market



# CO BENEFITS

- Cultural – Traditional Owners back on Country
- Social – healthy activity
- Environmental - biodiversity
- Economic – consumers to creators



# SUSTAINABILITY - RAP

- Sustainability plans (growth)
- Reconciliation Action Plans (growth)
- Environmental and social impacts
- Supplier diversity



# CATALYST MARKETS

- Trading platform
- Online in the coming months
- ACCUs sold direct by projects
- Premium environmental, social, cultural credits



**CATALYST MARKETS**



THANK YOU

