Aboriginal Carbon Foundation
Developing the NSW Aboriginal Carbon Farming Market
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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
THANK YOU