

**BEYOND COMPLIANCE**

# **Embedding First Nations participation in the energy transition**

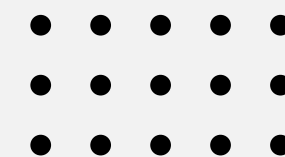


# Why this matters

**“We have a once-in-a-generation chance to build not only renewable energy infrastructure, but to create space for enduring First Nations participation, self-determination, and economic prosperity.”**

▶ How can we work together to embed meaningful First Nations participation?

▶ How can we move from compliance to best practice?



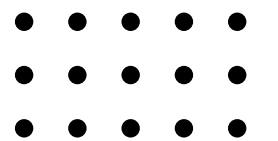
# Who we are



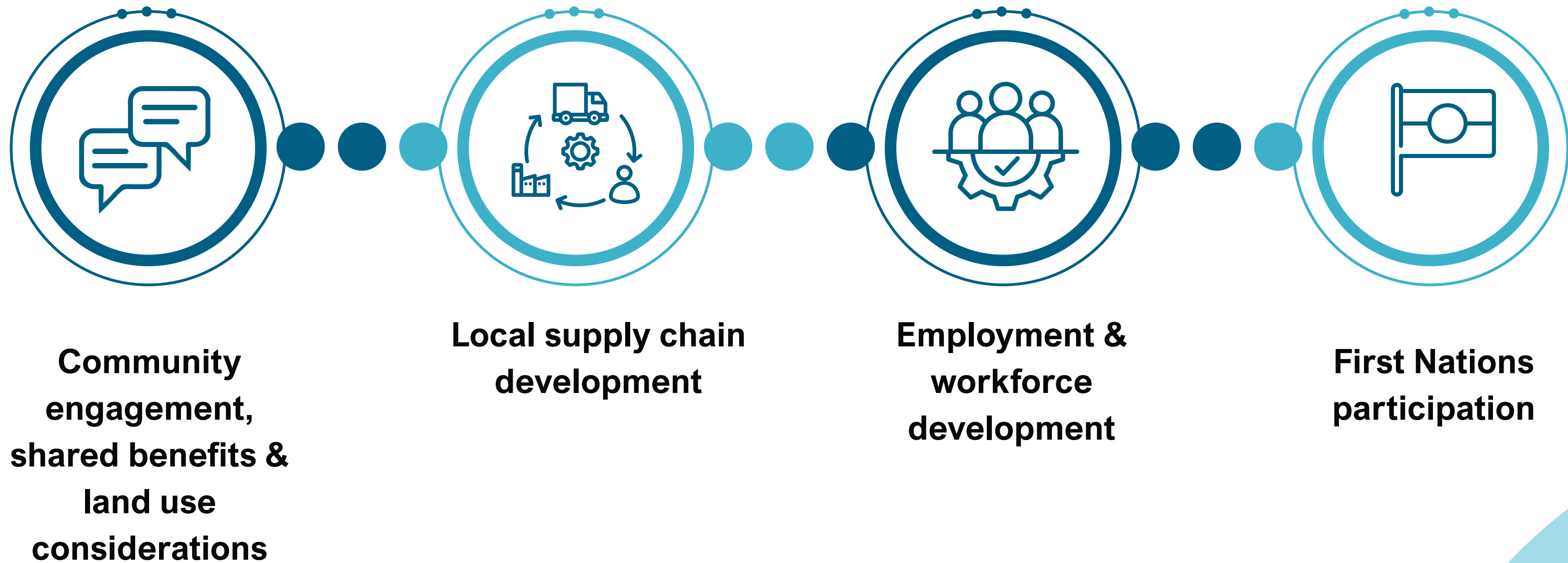
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**To date, our tenders have supported projects expected to contribute:**

- **8 GW of generation capacity**
- **18 GWh of long-duration storage capacity**
- **9 GWh of firming & dispatchable capacity**
- **\$21B investment in local supply chains**
- **\$900m in shared community benefit commitments**
- **\$500m in First Nations participation commitments**



# What we ask of developers



# What we're seeing vs what's needed



## Ambition vs tangible benefits

**Be clear about the actual benefits your project will provide.**



## Policies vs specific plans

**Provide evidence of co-design and tailoring to local need.**



## Short vs long term benefits

**Consider long-term strategic social value and legacy programs.**



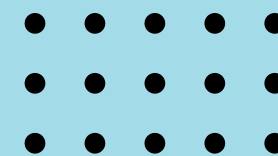
## Commitment vs delivery plan

**Have a clear plan for how you will deliver your commitments.**





# Oneida Energy Storage Project



## Co-ownership

- > Equity share generates long-term revenue
- > Builds governance capability
- > Ensures a seat at the decision-making table



## Relationship building

- > Underpinned by trust and transparency
- > Ensures alignment with First Nations values and self-determination





# Mokai Geothermal Power Station



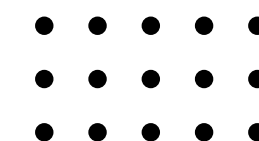
## Enabling policies

- > Frameworks that provide access to infrastructure, technical support and funding
- > Security and autonomy to make long-term strategic decisions



## Self-determination

- > Enabling reinvestment back into community for ongoing intergenerational economic development, cultural reconnection and community wellbeing





# East Kimberley Clean Energy Project



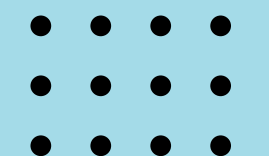
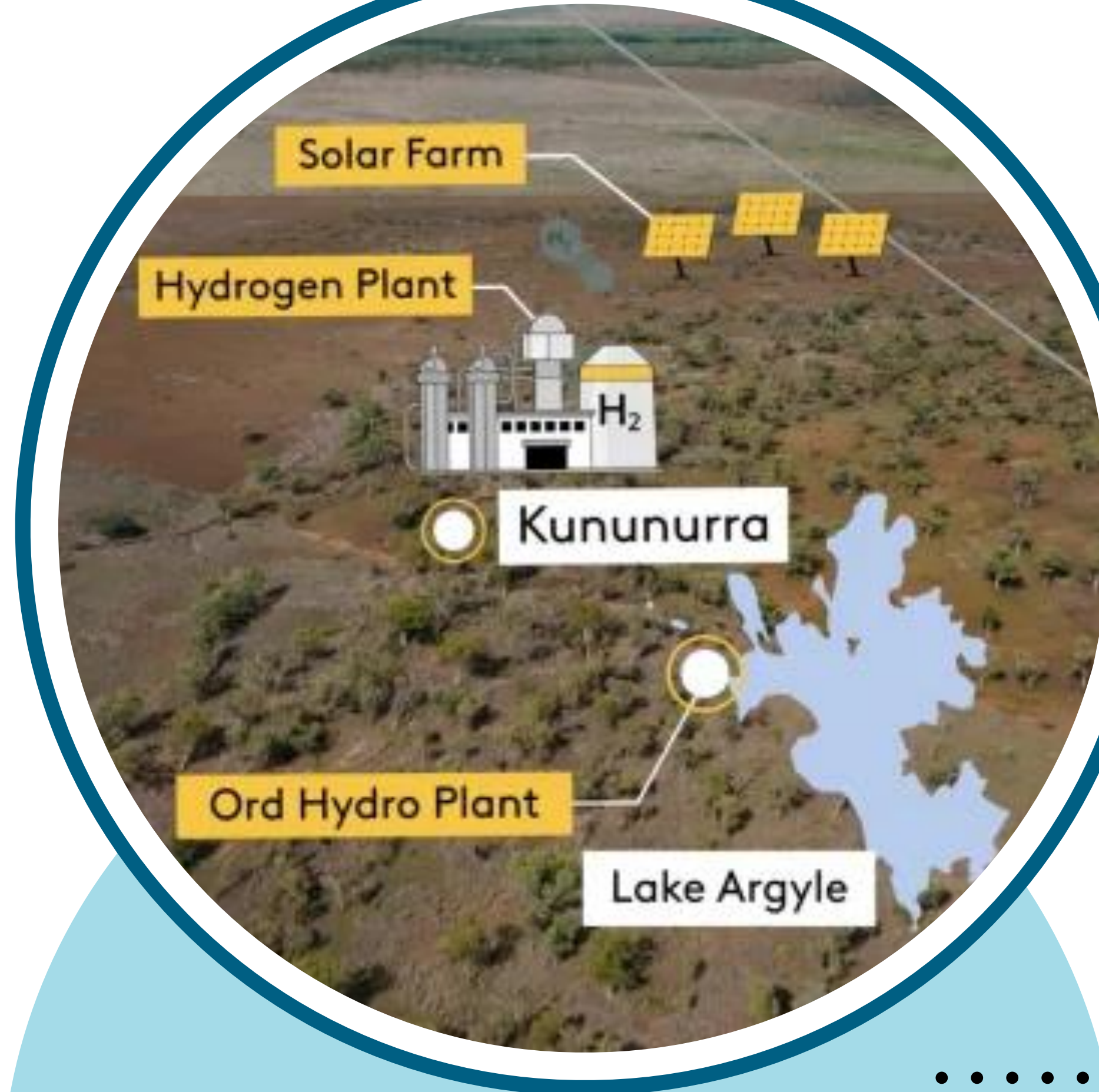
## Partnership

- > Traditional Custodians as key shareholders and landholders
- > Partnership model ensures benefits flow to the communities whose land is utilised

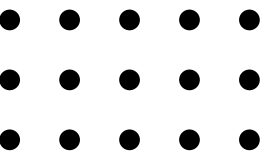


## Place-based design

- > Shaped by First Nations vision and values
- > First Nations partners engaged in cultural heritage, social engagement and remote land management



# What we can learn



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Start  
early and begin  
with listening



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Be  
transparent,  
realistic and build  
trust



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Build capacity  
together and  
reduce  
barriers



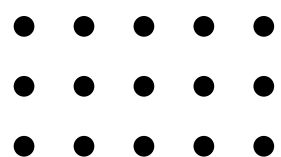
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Co-design  
outcomes for  
genuine  
engagement &  
partnership



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Explore  
innovative  
models for  
sustainable  
benefits



# Raising the bar together: a vision for Australia



Projects  
built *with*  
Country



Cultural values  
shape  
environmental  
design



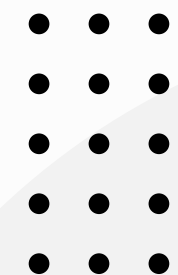
Economic benefits  
as standard



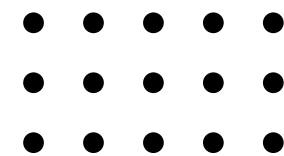
Communities  
contracted &  
invested



Our clean  
energy future is  
a reconciled  
future



**What legacy  
are you  
building?**





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