



Australian Government

Department of Climate Change, Energy,
the Environment and Water

Australian Biennial Transparency Report – submitted in December 2024



Based on Australia's First Biennial Transparency report

Submitted in December 2024 with some updates since then



National Adaptation Plan



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Annual Climate Change Statement 2025



Reforming the ACCU Scheme

Progress Report 2023 - 2025



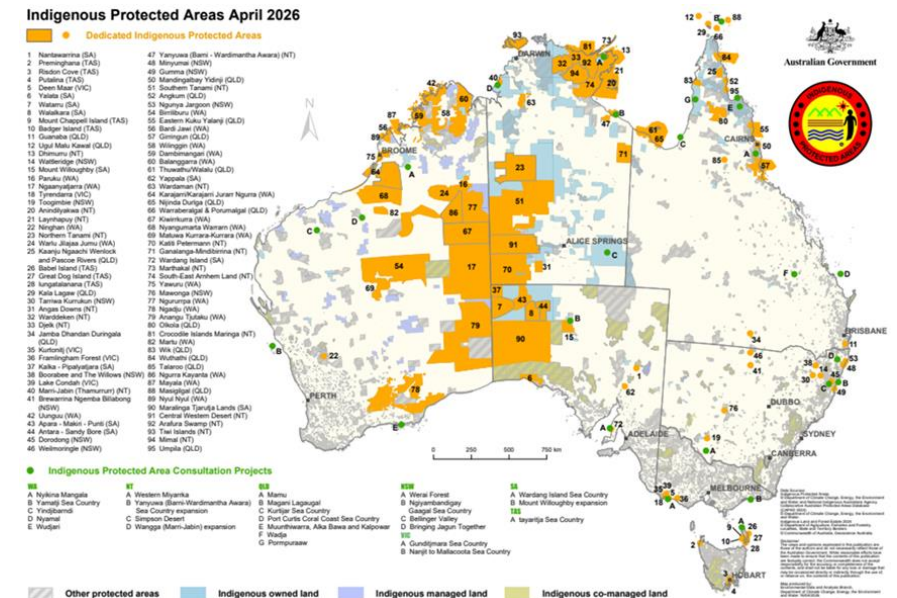
Acknowledgement of Country

In delivering this Annual Climate Change Statement to Parliament, we pay our respects to First Nations peoples, Elders, and ancestors who have cared for their lands, waters, and skies for over 65,000 years, and who continue to care for Country today. First Nations peoples have loved, cared for, and listened to Country for thousands of generations, so it is important to reflect on these ongoing connections and guardianships. These enduring cultures are amongst the oldest on Earth. Guided by traditional knowledges, First Nations peoples have sustained a deep and enduring relationship with Country, adapting to Australia's changing climate over millennia. Their resilience and stewardship continue to inspire this Government. First Nations peoples' voices and knowledges are critical to addressing the impacts of climate change and responding to the challenges we all now face. In the spirit of reconciliation, we commit to improving how these voices are heard and represented in Australian Government action and decision making, especially in our current climate and environmental crisis. Australia recognises and pays respect to First Nations peoples as the Traditional Owners of Australia. We would like to thank the Traditional Owners for their continuing custodianship of the lands, waters, and skies that we live and work within today.



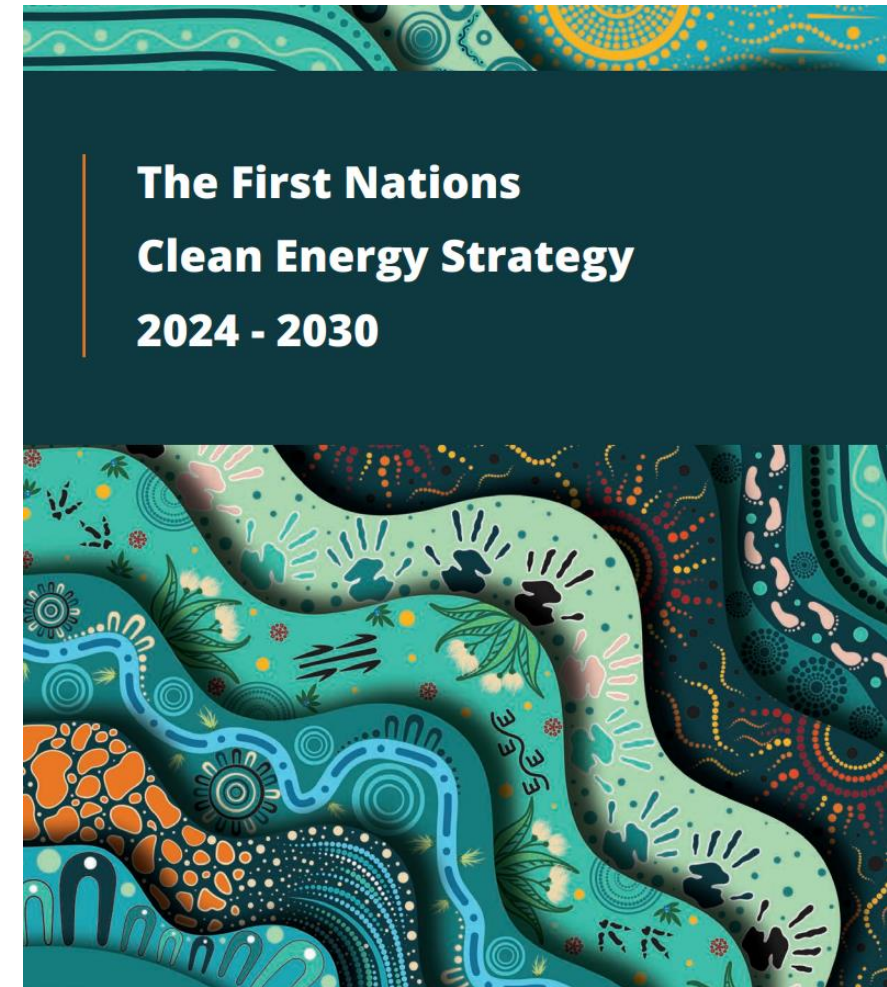
First Nations Peoples experiences of climate change

- First Nations Australians hold recognised rights and interests over 50% of Australia's landmass.
- First Nations peoples are the first to feel the effects of climate change, and because of living conditions feel the effects the hardest.
- Effects of climate change in desert areas and coastal areas having devastating effects on communities.
- The journey to net zero is an economic opportunity for many communities.



The First Nations Clean Energy Strategy

- A national framework to realise meaningful leadership, economic participation, benefit sharing and energy equity with First Nations peoples through the clean energy transformation.
- Has a central Vision for *a sustainable clean energy future for all Australians, with Country and Culture at the heart* and three primary Goals
 - ✓ Power First Nations communities with clean energy
 - ✓ Enable equitable partnerships
 - ✓ Achieve economic benefits with First Nations peoples.
- To commence implementation of the Strategy, the Australian Government has provided \$70 million over three years from 1 July 2025 for the First Nations Clean Energy program
 - ✓ Grants for First Nations peoples to obtain professional advice and support to engage with clean energy developments (Round 1 of the First Nations Clean Energy Advice Grants are open now).
 - ✓ Support to develop a small number of First Nations clean energy projects
 - ✓ access to clean energy information and resources.



The First Nations Clean Energy & Climate Change Advisory Committee

- Advises the Minister for Climate Change and Energy, and the department on Indigenous rights and interests in energy transition and climate change.
- Provides advice on climate change programs and policies, such as the National Adaptation Plan, the First Nations Clean Energy Strategy and the Capacity Investment Scheme.
- Guided development of the First Nations Clean Energy Strategy, and now implementation of the Strategy.



The First Nations Clean Energy and Climate Change Advisory Committee members with the Minister for Climate Change and Energy, the Hon. Chris Bowen MP and the Minister for Indigenous Affairs, the Hon. Malarndirri McCarthy MP.

Other relevant Indigenous policies and initiatives

- Australian Carbon Credit Units scheme – using a market mechanism to pay First Nations to undertake fire management practices in Savannah areas.
- First Nations representation in the Emissions Reduction Advisory Committee.
- National environmental standards for First Nations engagement as part of our environmental reform agenda.
- The Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area Climate Resilience Centre
- Indigenous Protected Areas and Indigenous Rangers Program

