



MINERALS COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

Australian Minerals Industry Indigenous Relations Statement

Vision

A thriving minerals industry working in partnership with Indigenous communities for the present and future development of mineral resources and establishment of vibrant, diversified and sustainable regional economies and Indigenous communities.

Values

Recognising that the present and future operations of minerals companies are inextricably linked to building and enhancing our strong relationships with Indigenous communities, we commit to carrying out our operations and activities in ways that embody the following values:

- Acknowledge, respect and support the recognition and protection of Indigenous Australians rights in law, interests and special connections to land and waters in Australia.
- Acknowledge, respect and support the desire and rights of Indigenous Australians to practice their many and varied cultures and customs.
- Recognise that for effective engagement to occur between minerals companies and Indigenous communities, the communities require adequate and culturally appropriate information with enough time to consider proposals and make decisions.
- Promote, support and facilitate the development and implementation of cross cultural understanding that provides minerals industry representatives with greater awareness of Indigenous cultures and customs, and Indigenous representatives with greater awareness and understanding of the minerals industry, including the international, national and local business environment in which minerals companies operate.
- Recognise, support and facilitate the capacity of Indigenous Australians to more effectively engage in the broader economy, including through wealth creation and the establishment of vibrant, diversified and sustainable regional economies.
- Promote, support and facilitate Indigenous communities engagement with minerals companies operations, including the promotion of education, training, employment, contracting, joint ventures and local business diversification including post mining options.
- Promote the negotiation of mutually beneficial and sustainable agreements as an effective mechanism through which to achieve the intended outcomes of sustainable relationships and partnerships between minerals companies and Indigenous communities.