





EnergyAustralia acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional custodians of this country and acknowledges their connection to culture, land and community.

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## Our business

EnergyAustralia provides gas and electricity to households and businesses across Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia, Queensland and the Australian Capital Territory.

We source energy from the wholesale market as well as our generation portfolio of coal and gas-fired power stations and renewable energy sources. We also offer our customers the opportunity to generate and manage their own electricity with the installation of solar systems and battery storage.

As one of the country's leading energy businesses, supporting communities is important to us. We partner with organisations across communities where we operate, focusing on local projects as well as helping people who are experiencing hardship.

Headquartered in Melbourne, and employing more than 2000 people, EnergyAustralia is a wholly-owned subsidiary of CLP, one of the largest power businesses in the Asia Pacific and one that has reliably provided electricity to Hong Kong for over 100 years.

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# **Our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)**

#### Vision

To make a positive difference within EnergyAustralia, amongst our customers and in the broader community through reconciliation.



Our first Reconciliation Action Plan is a major, exciting milestone for EnergyAustralia. It is the link between our commitment to reconciliation and our business strategy.

Until now, EnergyAustralia has not been focused on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation and engagement. As the managing director of this major national company, I understand it is the fair expectation of stakeholders that we will make a contribution to reconciliation and play a part in helping to close the gap in outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities. But prompts from stakeholders aren't why we are starting on this path. We are starting because we believe we can play a role and we want to do the right thing, in line with our values. Building and launching our Reflect RAP enables us to give Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander engagement and participation focus internally, to make a public commitment and to be held to account for the results.

We are excited to continue our relationships with the Port Adelaide Football Club Aboriginal AFL Academy, with the Wunan Foundation and with Recognise. Our RAP will also open the door to new relationships in coming years.

I thank our RAP Working Group for their efforts. In particular, I acknowledge Tanya Hosch, our Working Group's external advisor, for her insights and encouragement. I also acknowledge our Corporate Executive Rick Woods for leading the team to this point and for taking us forward as we start implementation.

If we all turn our heads and say reconciliation is for someone else to be concerned with, then as a country, we will never become truly reconciled and open to the opportunities that brings. Reconciliation is a process of change that we all need to own, whether as an individual, a business or an industry. This is why I am so committed and want to play my role in helping to achieve our RAP vision.

Catherine Tanna Managing Director

#### RAP Working Group

We acknowledge the role the Working Group has played in developing EnergyAustralia's first RAP. Rick Woods, Corporate Executive (Chair) Tanya Hosch, External Advisor David Burt, Senior Business Partner Energy Justin Courmadias, Procurement Leader

David Donelly, Community Engagement Lead Bianca Graham, Stakeholder Engagement Lead Briar Hall, Customer Vulnerability & Recovery Leader Scott McDermott, Communications Lead Nicholas Mullins and Martine Tongourian, Digital Marketing Leads Jenny Odgers, Social Enterprise Leader Simone Parry, Capability Lead Jade Torcasio, Sponsorship Advisor David Walker, Executive Business Manager



Reconciliation Australia congratulates EnergyAustralia on the endorsement of its first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), which will build the foundations for the relationships, respect and opportunities essential to reconciliation.

In adopting a Reflect RAP, EnergyAustralia is pledging to improve understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures, and support for its commitment to reconciliation among staff and stakeholders. The Reflect RAP will assist EnergyAustralia to develop a solid RAP governance model and build the business case for future commitments to cultural learning, practising cultural protocols, and promoting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment.

EnergyAustralia has a history of supporting communities. That these efforts align with its values and business strategy, stands EnergyAustralia in good stead to make progress across the key domains of reconciliation – relationships, respect and opportunities.

In this first RAP, EnergyAustralia has demonstrated a keen commitment to further develop and strengthen relationships with key Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, communities and organisations. We see this where EnergyAustralia moves to communities, including Traditional Owners, in a spirit of mutual trust and respect. In this, EnergyAustralia moves to enhance understanding and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and in turn, reconciliation.

On behalf of Reconciliation Australia, I commend EnergyAustralia on its Reflect RAP and look forward to following its reconciliation journey.

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Justin Mohamed Chief Executive Officer Reconciliation Australia

## Our RAP

The driving force behind our RAP is EnergyAustralia's commitment to diversity and inclusion. Our Diversity & Inclusion Council has, as one of its areas of focus, Indigenous engagement and participation and it is through the RAP that we will bring this area to life. Actions we are committing to in our RAP are all centred around EnergyAustralia's three values: our customers are our priority, we lead change and we do the right thing. Our RAP vision speaks to our values and shows our willingness to work together with our employees, our customers, our communities and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples more broadly to take positive steps towards reconciliation.

This is our first RAP and it reflects where we are as an organisation. We have a way to go as represented by the fact that we are yet to put a process in place to enable our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees to choose to self-identify. However, we have been ambitious and set ourselves some deliverables beyond what is usually expected to be included at this stage. Those deliverables are indicated by the filled bullet points and appear on a light background. Whilst we commit to starting work on these within the period of this RAP, it is likely many will carry over into our Innovate RAP. Unfilled bullets are essential Reflect RAP deliverables.



The purpose of EnergyAustralia's Diversity & Inclusion program is to build an inclusive culture so that everyone can bring their whole selves to work and have a sense of belonging.

### Areas of focus

#### Keeping You Connected

Connecting parents on leave to EnergyAustralia and working parents to their families

#### **Prism Network**

Celebrating our LGBTI+ colleagues and allies

#### Domestic Violence awareness

Providing resources, processes and support for employees

#### Reconciliation Action Plan

Increasing our Indigenous engagement and participation across the business



### Relationships

Build genuine and long term connections with Traditional Owners of the country in which we operate and the broader Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

| A  | Action  | Deliverable  | Timeline   | Responsibility   |
|----|---|--|--|--|
| 1. | <ol> <li>Continue to operate a RAP<br/>Working Group</li> </ol>   | <ul> <li>Ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are represented on the Working Group</li> <li>Ensure decision-making employees from across the organisation are represented on the Working Group</li> </ul>  | Deliver December<br>2017                                     | Social Enterprise<br>Leader  |
|    |   | <ul> <li>Oversee the development, endorsement and launch<br/>of the RAP</li> </ul>   | Deliver July 2016  |  |
|    |   | <ul> <li>Actively monitor RAP development and implementation<br/>of actions, tracking progress, reporting and meet at least<br/>quarterly</li> </ul>   |  |  |
|    |   | • Establish Terms of Reference for the RAP Working Group   | Deliver December<br>2016                                     |  |
| 2. | . Build internal and external<br>relationships so that<br>we may build positive<br>long-term connections<br>with local Aboriginal and<br>Torres Strait Islander<br>people and organisations | <ul> <li>Scope and develop a list of Aboriginal and Torres Strait<br/>Islander peoples, communities and organisations within<br/>our sphere of operations that we could approach to<br/>connect with on our reconciliation journey</li> <li>Develop a list of RAP organisations and other like-minded<br/>organisations, especially those who are our customers,<br/>that we could approach to compare the organisation</li> </ul>   | Deliver June 2017  | Senior HR Business<br>Partner Energy<br>and Stakeholder<br>Engagement Lead |
|    |   | that we could approach to connect with on our reconciliation journey   |  |  |
|    |   | <ul> <li>Establish an internal relationship owner at each site and identify a key contact with the Traditional Owner formalised association. Work towards regular communication which delivers mutual value</li> <li>Encourage Traditional Owners (via formalised associations) to participate in community consultation groups as a member</li> <li>Continue, and strengthen, EnergyAustralia's relationship with the Port Adelaide Football Club Aboriginal AFL Academy, with Wunan Foundation and with Recognise</li> </ul> | Commence<br>by June 2017<br>Review progress<br>December 2017 |  |
|    |   | <ul> <li>Participate in Indigenous community organisation<br/>networks that will assist EnergyAustralia build its capacity<br/>to meet its RAP commitments, including the Business<br/>Council of Australia's Business Indigenous Network</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| 3. | Participate in and<br>celebrate National<br>Reconciliation Week<br>(NRW)  | <ul> <li>Encourage our staff to attend a NRW event</li> <li>Raise awareness by circulating Reconciliation Australia's NRW resources and reconciliation materials to our staff.</li> <li>RAP Working Group to take part in an external event to recognise and celebrate NRW</li> </ul>  | Deliver 27 May -<br>3 June 2017                              | Communications<br>Lead Corporate   |
|    |   | <ul> <li>Consider partnering to support a NRW event, or make<br/>a contribution to an event through in-kind support,<br/>including staff volunteering</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| 4. | Raise internal awareness<br>of our RAP  | <ul> <li>Develop and implement a plan to:         <ul> <li>raise awareness amongst all staff across the organisation about our RAP and its commitments. Help to provide employees with a good understanding of the importance of reconciliation and the role that we can play</li> <li>Inform key internal stakeholders of their responsibilities within our RAP</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  | Deliver December<br>2016                                     | Communications<br>Lead Corporate   |
|    |   | <ul> <li>Identify key dates and utilise to communicate, using available channels, the launch of our RAP and its progress</li> <li>Identify opportunities across mainstream business channels to communicate about RAP and to help employees understand how we do business</li> <li>Educate staff and customers on the Recognise campaign</li> </ul>  | Commence by<br>December 2016<br>Review progress<br>June 2017 | Communications<br>Lead Corporate   |
| 5. | Raise external awareness<br>of our RAP  | <ul> <li>Publish the RAP on external facing communication channels</li> <li>Equip employees with the RAP for external distribution to our stakeholders</li> <li>Present the RAP to our external community consultation groups across the sites</li> </ul>  | Commence by<br>December 2016<br>Review progress<br>June 2017 | Communications<br>Lead Corporate<br>and Community<br>Engagement Lead       |
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### Respect

Recognise and embrace Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and cultures in the way we work.

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| Ac      | ction  | Deliverable   | Timeline   | Responsibility  |  |  |
| 6.<br>c | Investigate Aboriginal<br>and Torres Strait Islander<br>cultural learning and<br>development         | <ul> <li>Develop a business case for increasing awareness of<br/>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, histories and<br/>achievements within our organisation</li> <li>Capture data and measure our staff's current level of<br/>knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres<br/>Strait Islander cultures, histories and achievement</li> <li>Review cultural awareness training needs within our<br/>organisation</li> </ul>  | Deliver December<br>2017                                     | Capability Lead   |  |  |
| 7.      | Ensure EnergyAustralia<br>policies reflect our RAP<br>commitments                                    | <ul> <li>Review and update internal policies to ensure alignment<br/>with RAP commitments</li> <li>Review and update our external Hardship* policy to reflect<br/>society and our approach to our vulnerable customers<br/>ensuring we gather input from Aboriginal and Torres Strait<br/>Islander peoples in our review process</li> </ul>   | Commence by<br>December 2016<br>Review progress<br>June 2017 | Capability Lead,<br>Procurement Leader<br>Energy and Customer<br>Vulnerability &<br>Recovery Leader         |  |  |
| 8.      | Participate in and<br>celebrate NAIDOC Week  | <ul> <li>Raise awareness and share information amongst our staff of the meaning of NAIDOC Week which includes information about the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities</li> <li>Introduce our staff to NAIDOC Week by promoting community events in our local area</li> <li>RAP Working Group to take part in an external NAIDOC Week event</li> </ul>   | Deliver July 2017  | Communications<br>Lead Corporate<br>and Stakeholder<br>Engagement Lead                                      |  |  |
|         | Raise internal<br>understanding of<br>Aboriginal and Torres<br>Strait Islander cultural<br>protocols | <ul> <li>Explore who the Traditional Owners are of the lands and waters in our local areas</li> <li>Scope and develop a list of local Traditional Owners of the lands and waters within our organisation's sphere of operations</li> <li>Develop and implement cultural protocols and guidelines which include information about Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome to Country ceremonies (including any local cultural protocols)</li> </ul> | Deliver June 2017  | Senior HR Business<br>Partner Energy,<br>Stakeholder<br>Engagement Lead<br>and Community<br>Engagement Lead |  |  |
|         |  | <ul> <li>Display Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags at our operations</li> </ul>   | Commence by<br>June 2017<br>Review progress<br>December 2017 |   |  |  |
|         | Raise internal<br>understanding of local<br>Aboriginal history at<br>EnergyAustralia sites           | <ul> <li>Working with local Traditional Owners, identify<br/>opportunities to inform employees of the cultural heritage<br/>sites and artefacts protected at our sites</li> </ul>   | Commence by<br>June 2017<br>Review progress<br>December 2017 | Senior HR Business<br>Partner Energy  |  |  |

\*Hardship is when you'd like to pay your energy bill but, because of your financial situation, you can't.

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## Opportunities

# Grow Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation across our business.

| Action  | Deliverable  | Timeline   | Responsibility   |
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| 11. Investigate Aboriginal<br>and Torres Strait Islander<br>employment with<br>the outcome that we<br>increase Aboriginal and<br>Torres Strait Islander<br>employment participation | <ul> <li>Develop a business case and strategy to increase<br/>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment within<br/>our organisation</li> <li>Engage with existing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander<br/>staff around increasing employment participation and<br/>development</li> </ul>   | Deliver December<br>2017   | Capability Lead  |
| across the business   | • Implement a process to ensure individuals who choose to identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander are recorded within our HR information system   | Commence by<br>June 2017<br>Review progress<br>December 2017     | Capability Lead  |
| 12. Investigate Aboriginal<br>and Torres Strait Islander<br>supplier diversity with the<br>outcome that we increase<br>our supply chain diversity                                   | <ul> <li>Develop an understanding of the mutual benefits of<br/>procurement from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander<br/>owned businesses. With that understanding, develop a<br/>business case for procurement from Aboriginal and Torres<br/>Strait Islander owned businesses</li> </ul>   | Deliver June 2017  | Procurement<br>Leader - Energy<br>and Stakeholder<br>Engagement Lead                 |
| by increasing Indigenous<br>business spend  | <ul> <li>Investigate ways of working with Supply Nation</li> <li>Agree and implement uniform language in tender<br/>documents and Responsible Procurement Policy<br/>Statements to identify if a tenderer is an Aboriginal<br/>and Torres Strait Islander business or uses Indigenous<br/>businesses in the provision of its goods or services</li> <li>Determine which of our current key suppliers have RAPs</li> <li>Develop a better understanding of site environmental<br/>land management opportunities for local Indigenous<br/>organisations</li> <li>Understand our carbon offset opportunities for Indigenous<br/>carbon and country initiatives</li> </ul> | Commence by<br>December 2016<br>Review progress<br>June 2017     | Procurement<br>Leader - Energy<br>and Stakeholder<br>Engagement Lead                 |
| 13. Make a positive impact<br>to Aboriginal and<br>Torres Strait Islander<br>communities through<br>access to energy  | • Develop a better internal understanding of electricity<br>supply issues and needs in regional and remote Indigenous<br>communities   | Commence by<br>June 2017<br>Review progress<br>December 2017     | Stakeholder<br>Engagement Lead   |
| 14. Make a positive impact<br>through Social Enterprise<br>programs   | <ul> <li>Encourage relevant Indigenous organisations and organisations that have a focus on supporting Indigenous peoples to apply for our community grants operating at our sites</li> <li>Profile relevant Indigenous organisations and organisations that have a focus on supporting Indigenous peoples through our matched workplace giving</li> </ul>   | Commence by<br>January 2017<br>Review progress<br>December 2017  | Social Enterprise<br>Leader  |
| 15. Make a positive impact<br>through fostering<br>Aboriginal and Torres Strait<br>Islander businesses  | <ul> <li>Develop a project proposal on how EnergyAustralia would<br/>support Indigenous businesses through energy supply and<br/>other opportunities</li> </ul>  | Commence by<br>December 2016<br>Review progress<br>December 2017 | Leader Customer<br>Vulnerability &<br>Recovery and<br>Stakeholder<br>Engagement Lead |

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## **Tracking and Progress**

| Action  | Deliverable   | Timeline   | Responsibility  |
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| 16. Build support for the RAP   | <ul> <li>Define resource needs for RAP development and<br/>implementation</li> <li>Define systems and capability needs to track, measure and<br/>report on RAP activities</li> </ul>                                  | Deliver by<br>December 2016                                  | Stakeholder<br>Engagement Lead                                      |
| 17. Demonstrate continued<br>commitment to delivering<br>our RAP outcomes by<br>reporting publicly on<br>progress | <ul> <li>Complete the annual RAP Impact Measurement<br/>Questionnaire and submit to Reconciliation Australia</li> <li>Identify milestones to communicate progress against RAP<br/>initiatives</li> </ul>              | 30 September<br>annually (RA)<br>Deliver by<br>December 2017 | Social Enterprise<br>Leader and<br>Communications Lead<br>Corporate |
| 18. Review and Refresh RAP  | <ul> <li>Liaise with Reconciliation Australia to develop a new RAP based on learnings, challenges and achievements</li> <li>Submit draft RAP to Reconciliation Australia for formal review and endorsement</li> </ul> | Commence July<br>2017<br>Deliver December<br>2017            | Social Enterprise<br>Leader   |

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#### EnergyAustralia Artwork

This original artwork was created by Marcus Lee, a proud Aboriginal descendant of the Karajarri people, to express EnergyAustralia's commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation and engagement.

"The circular core represents Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities connected to country through radiating coloured pathways reflecting land, rivers and ocean. With dual meanings, the core also extends, connecting to energy through the red, blue and yellow radiating channels."

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Marcus Lee

Designer: Marcus Lee Design Printer: Deadly Design Both companies are certified suppliers with Supply Nation.













