



Corporate services news

Our Indigenous Procurement Plan: Supporting First Nations businesses

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We've launched the ACMA Indigenous Procurement Plan – a mandatory, practical step-by-step guide to help ACMA and eSafety staff include First Nations businesses in our procurement processes. Read on to find out what you need to know.

What is the Indigenous Procurement Plan?

Our [ACMA Indigenous Procurement Plan \(IPP\)](#) is a mandatory process for all ACMA and eSafety staff outlining how we can better engage First Nation businesses through every stage of procurement.

The IPP is a complementary document to the Accountable Authority Instruction (AAI) on [Procurement and Contract Management](#) and has been designed to ensure that we comply with the requirements of the [Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013](#) (PGPA Act) and the [Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Rule 2014](#) (PGPA Rule).

The IPP also provides information on the application of the [Commonwealth Indigenous Procurement Policy](#) and instructions on:

- Achieving our Reconciliation Action Plan deliverable to:
 - Increase Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander supplier diversity to support improved economic and social outcomes

- Meeting Commonwealth mandated Indigenous annual procurement targets.

Who does the IPP apply to?

All ACMA and eSafety staff, members, associates and contractors performing work on our behalf.

Plan at a glance

When to consider First Nations businesses:

- **Always:** for all procurements, regardless of value, unless exempt
- **Mandatory:** if the procurement is between \$80k and \$200k, you must actively consider and give First Nations businesses an opportunity before going to market
- **Large contracts (\$7.5M+):** if over half of the spend is in specific industries, Indigenous participation targets (employment or supply use) must be included.

How to find a First Nations supplier

- Use [Supply Nation](#) or state-based Indigenous Chambers of Commerce
- Contact the ACMA Procurement team for assistance: [REDACTED]

What if you can't find a First Nations supplier?

- Document your search efforts and rationale
- Keep records in your Evaluation Report before approaching the broader market.

Our procurement targets

- As of 1 July 2025, we are aiming for 3% of all eligible procurement by value and volume to go to First Nations businesses.
- This will increase to 4% by 2030.

Why does the IPP matter?

This plan will help to grow Indigenous businesses, strength economic opportunities for First Nations communication and brings us close to our reconciliation commitments.

To learn more about how procurement can empower First Nations businesses and communities, [watch the recording of our recent Indigenous Procurement Showcase](#) featuring the National Indigenous Australians Agency and our supplier Evolve FM, and view the accompanying resources.

Contact [REDACTED] if you have any questions about the new IPP.

Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)

The ACMA and eSafety's inaugural [Reconciliation Action Plan](#) (RAP) expired last month, with some of the actions still in development to continue into our next RAP. Now is a great time to join the RAP Working Group and help shape the actions we commit to as an agency in our next RAP over the next 2 years.

Please contact [HR Assist](#) if you would like to join the RAP Working Group.

See [Our reconciliation journey](#) to learn more about the ACMA's commitment to reconciliation between First Nations and non-Indigenous peoples, and to a diverse and inclusive workplace.

See [Our Diversity and Inclusion Strategy](#) to learn about other ways we promote diversity and inclusion at the ACMA and eSafety.