

Call for Research Partners: Empowering Indigenous Leadership in Land and Energy Policy

Are you an organization, community leader, or advocate interested in shaping research that drives real change for Indigenous people?

We are seeking partners to co-design economic research that enhances Indigenous decision-making and improves Indigenous outcomes in energy security and land negotiations for energy projects.

This project is led by:

Associate Professor Duygu Yengin (Associate Head of Research, University of Adelaide): Expert in economic fairness and negotiation strategies, working to improve bargaining power for Indigenous landowners.

Professor Maneka Jayasinghe (Dean of Business and Accounting, Charles Darwin University): Specialist in energy poverty, energy injustice, and clean energy transitions.

Professors Yengin and Jayasinghe are working closely with the First Nations Energy Network on this research. By partnering with us, you will not only strengthen this important work but also gain the opportunity to collaborate in an application for Federal Research Funding through the Australian Research Council Linkage Grant. This funding will support a large-scale study focused on clean energy solutions for Indigenous communities.

Why Join? How Will This Benefit Indigenous Communities?

Your participation ensures that research findings reflect Indigenous priorities and lived experiences. By partnering with us, you will:

- **Shape Policy Outcomes** – Ensure findings and policy recommendations are led by Indigenous knowledge and realities.
- **Strengthen Advocacy Efforts** – Use evidence-based policy recommendations to influence government decisions.
- **Improve Negotiation Outcomes** – Co-design practical strategies to support fair land deals for clean energy projects.
- **Advance Energy Security** – Identify solutions to reduce energy poverty and improve access to affordable, reliable and sustainable energy.

Your involvement can be formal (as a partner providing in-kind or financial contribution) or informal (providing insights).

See the back page for more about the research!

About the Research

Part 1: Addressing Energy Poverty and Insecurity of Indigenous Australians

Many Indigenous households struggle with high energy costs, unreliable access, and a lack of affordable green energy options. This research will:

- **Identify the causes of energy insecurity in Indigenous communities.**
- **Identify the impact of energy insecurity on health and wellbeing of Indigenous communities**
- **Develop solutions to improve energy affordability and sustainability.**
- **Explore pathways for Indigenous-led clean energy initiatives.**

Part 2: Fairer Land Negotiations for Clean Energy Projects

Indigenous communities play a pivotal role in supplying land for renewable energy projects. However, many face negotiation challenges due to power imbalances, lack of access to expert guidance, and financial constraints. This research will:

- **Analyse barriers to fair negotiations.**
- **Develop strategies to strengthen Indigenous bargaining power.**
- **Provide policy recommendations that support Indigenous leadership in land agreements.**

How Can You Get Involved?

There are several ways to contribute and be part of this important research:

- ◆ **Partner as a Funding or In-Kind Contributor** – Your support, whether financial or through resources like expertise, data, or community connections, will help drive the research forward.
- ◆ **Share Your Insights & Experiences** – Participate in interviews, surveys, or knowledge-sharing sessions to ensure the study reflects Indigenous perspectives.
- ◆ **Engage Your Community** – Help connect us with Indigenous communities, leaders, and organizations interested in shaping fairer land negotiations and clean energy policies.

By getting involved, you play a key role in ensuring this research creates meaningful, lasting change for Indigenous communities. Let's work together to drive real impact!

To learn more about the research and partnership opportunities,

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