

IBN *Irtiya* Project: Past, Present, Future

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

What is the IBN *Irtiya* Project?

The *Irtiya* Project is about preserving the history of IBN and developing the future.

IBN has contracted the Centre for Social Responsibility in Mining (**CSR**M) at the University of Queensland to engage members and representative corporations to document the origins of the IBN trust, review the governance structure, and identify ways to measure the impact of IBN's activities.

What are the objectives?

The aim of the project is to assist IBN to optimise its structure and operations. There are 3 parts:

- 1. Writing the history of IBN** – from Area ‘C’ negotiations, through the native title determinations and creation of the Representative Corporations¹
- 2. Governance of IBN trust and corporation** – is looking at membership and participation to find the optimal organisational structures
- 3. Measuring quality of life impact of the trust** – deciding what are the best indicators for measuring how the work of IBN is improving the life of its members.

How is CSR

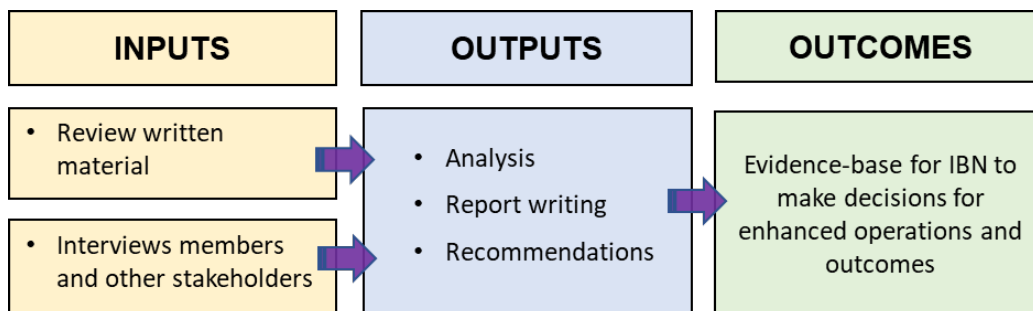
M doing the project?

The CSR

M team will:

- review relevant documents and reports, and
- interview relevant people including IBN members and representative corporations.

We will analyse the written material and listen to people’s views and perspectives. From our findings we will produce reports for each project part and make recommendations. See diagram below.



¹ Minadhu Aboriginal Corp (MAC); Banyjima Aboriginal Corp (BAC); Milyuranpa Banyjima Aboriginal Corp (MBAC); Niapaili Aboriginal Corp (NAC)

How will my participation help?

Sharing your views and experiences forms a key input to the study. The project outputs are intended to enhance IBN operations and beneficial outcomes for members. Providing your views will ensure the project outputs reflect the views and opinions of members and other relevant people.

Are there any risks in taking part?

Our aim is to make sure your participation is a good experience by providing a way for you to be actively heard. We adopt 'lines of inquiry' and prefer a yarning style to avoid too much direct questioning. We are in no way testing or judging - we want to hear only what is within your knowledge and experience. We respect that talking about the past may involve some sadness when thinking about old people who may have passed.

How will my participation be respected?

In thinking about taking part in interviews - at a time and place that suits you, some things to know:

Optional – taking part is optional. It is fine to say 'No'. You are free to withdraw at any time too. There are no consequences from not participating or withdrawing.

Confidentiality – interviews are private conversations with the CSR team. Interviews will be kept confidential and records of interviews stored securely. We will seek permission to audio record interviews but that is up to you.

Analysis and reporting – we look at what is talked about across all our interviews. We report only broadly on matters raised. We draw conclusions from the themes we find from our analysis. No individual person will be named (unless they ask to be named).

How can I hear about the results of the project?

The IBN Board will be providing feedback to participants and IBN members more broadly on the outcomes of the project. We will be guided by the Board over the best way to present outcomes in a way people find most accessible. We anticipate that this may include plain English summaries with explanatory images.

Who are the CSR team?

Please feel to contact any CSR team member if you have any queries.

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Who can I contact if I have any concerns about the project?

This study adheres to the Guidelines of the ethical review process of The University of Queensland and the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research. Whilst you are free to discuss your participation in this study with the researcher contactable on s.holcombe@uq.edu.au if you would like to speak to an officer of the University not involved in the study, you may contact the Ethics Coordinator on 07 33653924 / 07 34431656 or email humanethics@research.uq.edu.au. This research ethics ID number is: **2024/HE000149**.