



STRATEGIC PLAN SUMMARY



NEW SOUTH WALES ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

FOREWORD

With this Strategic Plan the Council of NSWALC is setting an ambitious agenda to secure our future. It gives effect to our obligations to our forebears and is inspired by the demands for Aboriginal Land Rights made at NSWALC's formation. To those demands we now add our determination to initiate a process for a Treaty or Treaties that enshrines and enhances them.

Aboriginal people are the traditional owners of all land and water; nothing has or will change this. The Council will consolidate our gains since 1977. We will use the consolidation to expand the achievement of our Aboriginal Land Rights and to build a better future for the generations that will succeed us.

OUR DESTINATION

Beyond survival to a future in which Aboriginal people in NSW are culturally rich, politically strong, economically self-reliant and live our lives to their full potential.

OUR PURPOSE

We are the democratically-elected voice to empower all Aboriginal peoples in NSW.

We provide strong leadership, support and advocacy for Aboriginal Land Rights and the Aboriginal people of NSW.

WE VALUE

- Inclusiveness, diversity and respect to guide us in our decisions and actions.
- Culturally-strong leadership.
- Self-determination by Aboriginal people.
- The power of Aboriginal Land Rights to unify Aboriginal people and to strengthen partnerships.

GOAL 1 | SECURE OUR LAND AND WATER RIGHTS

WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT?

We have a responsibility to both our forebears and future generations to ensure that we see the return of our lands and ensure access to lands and waters.

What we will do

- We will maximise the amount of land and water that is in Aboriginal ownership, control and management; and
- We will maximise the social, cultural and economic outcomes from our lands and waters.

GOAL 2 | PROTECT OUR CULTURE AND HERITAGE

WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT?

We must ensure that our future generations can draw on the strength of who we are as Aboriginal people.

What we will do

- We will continue to support the culture and heritage priorities of our members and broader Aboriginal communities.

GOAL 3 | PURSUE ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE AND PROSPERITY FOR OUR PEOPLE

WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT?

We must ensure that our people restore their economic independence and prosperity.

What we will do

- We will continue to pursue the priorities of our economic development policy.
- We will establish a land development and construction capability.
- We will establish a social housing structure and capability.
- We will establish an employment brokerage capability.

GOAL 4 | SUPPORT OUR PEOPLE

WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT?

We have a responsibility to improve the lives of our people.

What we will do

- We will continue to advocate for the rights of our people.
- We will continue to build the capacity of our members and broader Aboriginal communities.
- We will continue to provide support for our people in need.

GOAL 5 | SECURE OUR FUTURE

WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT?

We have stewardship responsibilities to ensure that a stronger system is handed to future generations.

What we will do

- Continue to grow and exercise responsible stewardship of the Statutory Account.
- Work to achieve a Treaty or Treaties for Aboriginal people.
- We will continue to engage our youth and membership.
- We will continue to support and foster a culture and system of good governance and improvement.
- We will develop a compliance and regulatory framework which actively recognises and responds to performance.