



The South West Native Title Settlement

Noongar Economic Participation Framework

The South West Native Title Settlement (Settlement) is a landmark native title agreement negotiated between the Noongar people and the Western Australian Government (WA Government). The Settlement commenced 25 February 2021.

The Settlement, involving six Noongar Native Title Agreement Groups, and covering 200,000 square kilometres of land, represents significant social and economic investment in the Noongar community and the shared future of Western Australia. For the latest Settlement information visit wa.gov.au (the WA Government website)

Noongar Economic Participation Framework

The Framework is a mutual commitment from the WA Government and the Noongar people, through their Noongar Regional Corporations, to work together on strengthening Noongar peoples participation in business and other economic opportunities. The Framework complements the significant economic assets and development opportunities made through the Settlement.

What are the objectives of the Framework?

- Grow Noongar owned businesses and Noongar/non-Noongar joint ventures, and increase Noongar employment in Noongar businesses;
- Increase the knowledge and skills of the Noongar community in the areas of Government procurement, tendering and contracting;
- Increase Noongar participation and representation in employment and the broader economy; and
- Build on the existing strengths of the Noongar community to foster the Noongar entrepreneurial culture.

Principles of the Framework

- Recognition that Noongar people and business are a valued part of the local and regional economy particularly in the South West;
- Channels of communication are open to ensure Noongar businesses and corporations are provided with information regarding Government contracting and tendering opportunities;
- A demonstrated commitment to transparent, accountable and appropriate governance structures.

How will the Framework be implemented?

A Steering Group will oversee the implementation of the Framework. The Steering Group is comprised of:

- Representatives from each of the six Noongar Regional Corporations;
- A representative from the Central Services Corporation; and
- Representatives from key WA Government departments focused on training, development and economic opportunities.

The Steering Group will consider the Framework's scope in response to the evolving aspirations of the Noongar people and their Regional Corporations, in response to the growing assets provided through the Settlement.

Further information

Further information about the Settlement, including the six ILUAs made in compliance with the Commonwealth *Native Title Act 1993*, can be found on the website of the WA Government

<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-the-premier-and-cabinet/south-west-native-title-settlement>

