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Strategic Opportunity 5



Partner to increase opportunities for Indigenous communities in fishing and aquaculture

As the world's oldest living culture, Indigenous Australians have a deep connection to country, passed down through the generations and developed over tens of thousands of years. Indigenous Australians hold valuable knowledge of Australia's flora, fauna and sustainable land and sea management, yet barriers limit their participation in the agribusiness sector, where they can provide innovative solutions to meet consumer demand.

FRDC and partners seek to develop an internationally competitive, dynamic and growing First Foods Agribusiness and Fisheries sector, built on Indigenous principles of sustainability and ecosystem thinking. It will build human capacity to drive this sector and foster transformational change in agribusiness and fisheries supply chains, while fostering the holistic and multisector perspectives of business and the environment of its Indigenous business partners.

FRDC is a partner in the Economic Participation of Indigenous Communities program, which aims to boost the competitiveness and productivity of Indigenous agribusinesses by addressing:

- Technical challenges that limit the growth and scaling of agricultural and fisheries businesses producing novel foods and ingredients
- Supply chain integration and system challenges that limit participation of Indigenous businesses within the agribusiness (including fisheries) sector
- Capability building to grow and develop innovative Aboriginal land and water businesses.

