

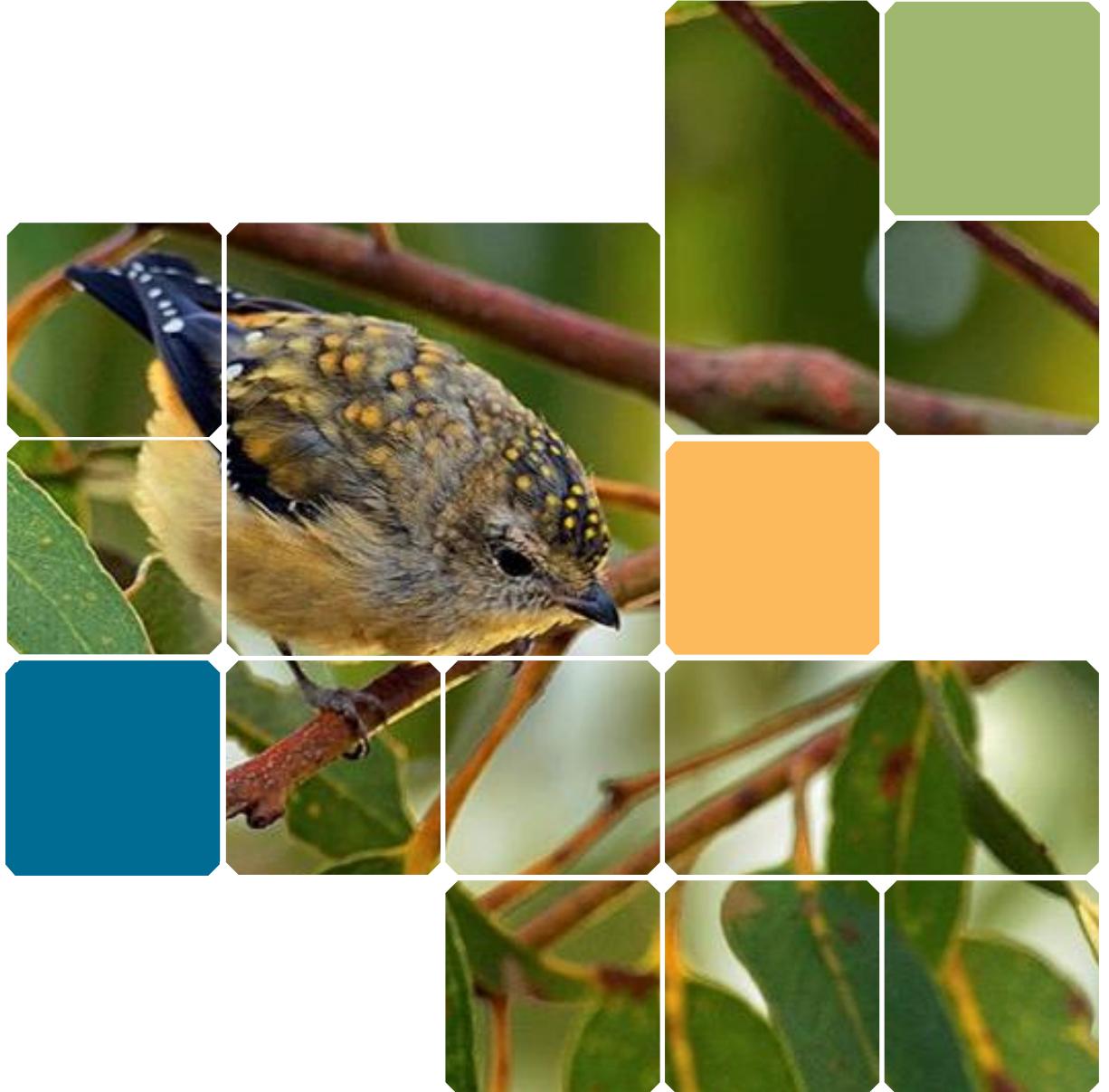


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# Nature Repair Market

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# Overview



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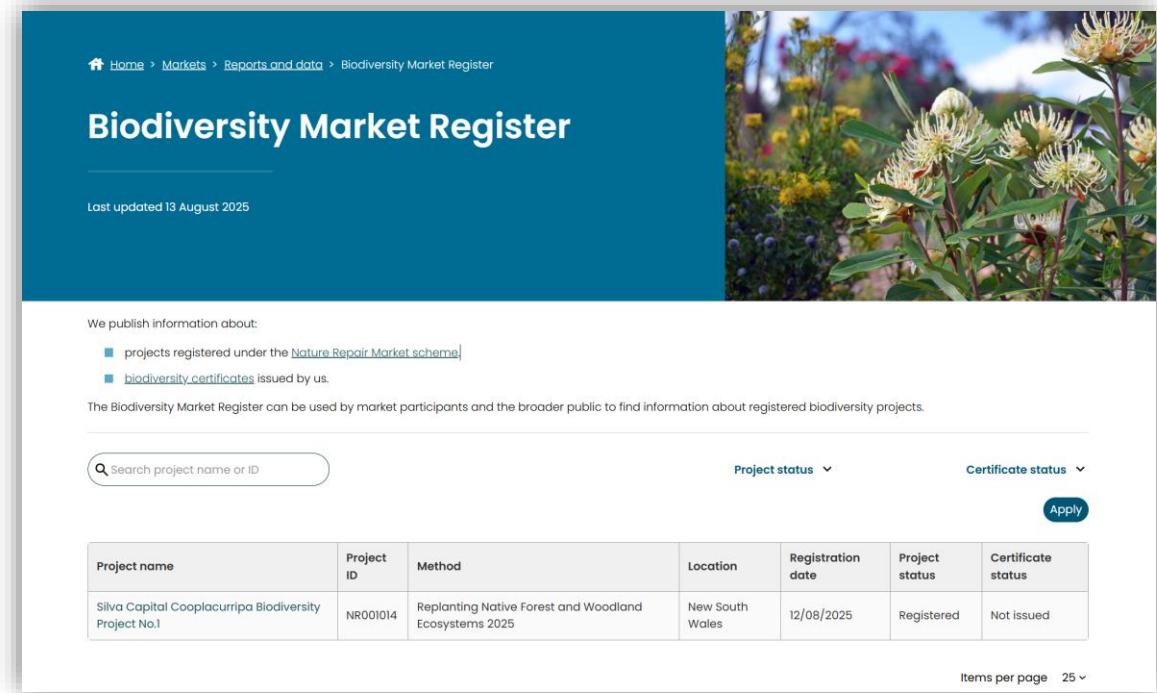
# Nature Repair Market

- Legislated national, voluntary biodiversity market
- Encourages practices that deliver improved biodiversity outcomes
- Establishes marketplace to undertake projects to generate tradable certificates
- Opened for applications on 1 March 2025



# Biodiversity Market Register

- Holds information about registered biodiversity projects
- Audit reports are published on the biodiversity market register
- Option to link to a stacked ACCU project

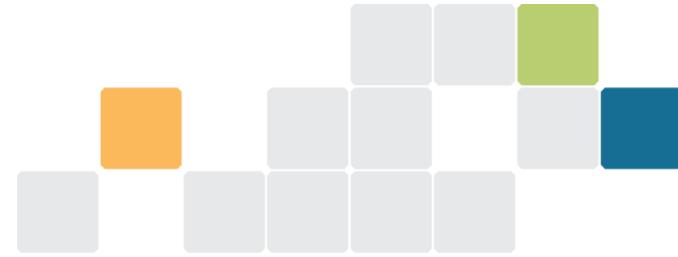


The screenshot shows the Biodiversity Market Register website. The header includes a breadcrumb trail: Home > Markets > Reports and data > Biodiversity Market Register. The page is last updated on 13 August 2025. A sidebar on the right features a photograph of a bush with yellow flowers. The main content area starts with a section titled 'We publish information about:' with two bullet points: 'projects registered under the [Nature Repair Market scheme](#)' and 'biodiversity [certificates](#) issued by us.' Below this is a descriptive text: 'The Biodiversity Market Register can be used by market participants and the broader public to find information about registered biodiversity projects.' At the bottom, there is a search bar with the placeholder 'Search project name or ID', and dropdown menus for 'Project status' and 'Certificate status' with an 'Apply' button. A table displays a list of registered projects:

Project name	Project ID	Method	Location	Registration date	Project status	Certificate status
Silva Capital Cooplacurripa Biodiversity Project No.1	NR001014	Replanting Native Forest and Woodland Ecosystems 2025	New South Wales	12/08/2025	Registered	Not issued

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# Legislative instruments



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Nature Repair Act 2023

No. 121, 2023

An Act to establish a national voluntary framework for projects to enhance or protect biodiversity, and for other purposes

Now, An electronic version of this Act is available on the Federal Register of Legislation  
(<http://www.legislation.gov.au>)

Authorised Version C2023A0121

Dec-2024



Nature Repair Rules 2024

I, Tanya Plibersek, Minister for the Environment and Water, make the following rules.

Dated 19 December 2024

Tanya Plibersek  
Minister for the Environment and Water

Feb-2025



Nature Repair (Replanting Native Forest and Woodland Ecosystems) Methodology Determination 2025

I, Tanya Plibersek, Minister for Environment and Water, make the following methodology determination.

Dated 27 02 2025

Tanya Plibersek  
Minister for Environment and Water

Feb-2025



Nature Repair (Biodiversity Assessment) Instrument 2025

I, Tanya Plibersek, Minister for the Environment and Water, make the following instrument.

Dated 24 2 2025

Tanya Plibersek  
Minister for the Environment and Water

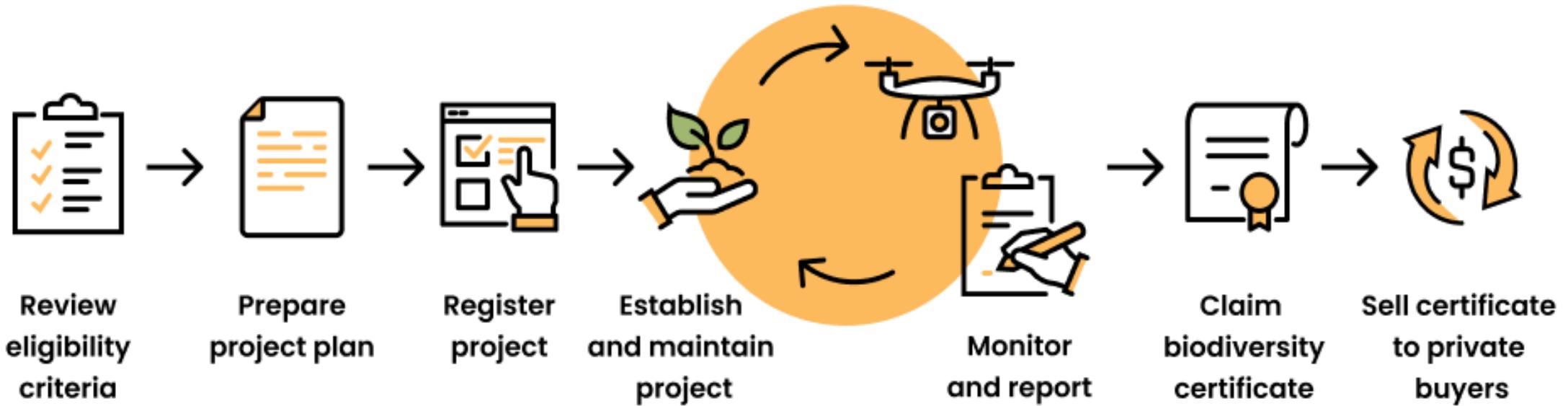
Nature Repair Act

Nature Repair Rules

Replanting native forests  
and woodland ecosystems  
(the method)

Biodiversity  
Assessment  
Instrument

# Project lifecycle



# Project Reporting



## Category B report



- Before certificate issuance
- No audit

## Category A report: first report



- Applying for a biodiversity certificate
- Assurance engagement audit

## Category A report: subsequent report



- Required for ongoing monitoring
- No audit

# Category A biodiversity audit

- Applying for biodiversity certificate
- Covers the period from project registration to six months before the certificate application
- Must be undertaken by registered greenhouse and energy auditor



# Matters to be audited s65 of the NR rules

- Project complies with Act, Nature Repair Rules, and Methodology
- Project carried out in accordance with project plan
- Biodiversity outcomes and method thresholds have been achieved or likely to be achieved



# Other audits

- CER may choose to have a project audited under its annual audit program
- CER may require a project to be audited to assess its compliance with legislative requirements.



# Replanting Native Forest and Woodland Ecosystems Method

- Enhance or protect biodiversity by planting native vegetation on cleared land to match reference ecosystem
- Must be located in one or more of the eligible regions
- Can be stacked with an ACCU Environmental Planting project

Map of eligible regions



# Starting State Assessment

- Baseline evaluation of the project area to confirm suitability for restoration
- Includes field surveys and desktop analysis
- Supports project planning and forms part of the registration application



# Project Plan

- Guides delivery of biodiversity outcomes and restoration thresholds and targets
- Outlines planting, site management, and support for threatened species or ecological communities
- Aligns with findings from Starting State Assessment



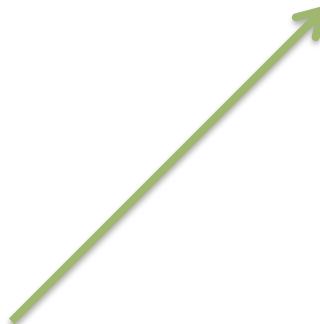
# Reference Ecosystem

- Fixed biodiversity project characteristic – does not change
- Represents the undegraded state of a vegetation community type.
- Foundation for indicators, benchmarks, and condition assessment



# Reference Ecosystem

- Assigned to each activity area or during the Starting State Assessment.
- Benchmarks come from
  - approved benchmark source list or
  - reference site surveys.



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## Approved Benchmark Source List for the Replanting Native Forest and Woodland Ecosystems Method

Version 1.0

The Replanting native forest and woodland ecosystems method requires suitably qualified persons to select the appropriate benchmark value from the approved benchmark source list below (if one is available and appropriate).

Table 1 lists approved sources for benchmark values for reference ecosystems.

**Table 1: Approved Benchmark Source List**

Approved Benchmark Source	Jurisdiction
Plant Community Type (PCT) Benchmarks	Australian Capital Territory and New South Wales
BioCondition Benchmarks for Regional Ecosystems	Queensland
TASVEG Vegetation Community Benchmarks	Tasmania
Ecological Vegetation Class (EVC) Benchmarks	Victoria

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# Ecosystem condition

- Ecosystem condition is the environmental quality of a site, based on comparison to a reference ecosystem
- Each activity area is assigned a condition state: A (least degraded) to D (most degraded)
- Targets range from Level 1 (basic recovery) to Level 4 (full ecological recovery).



# Ecosystem condition



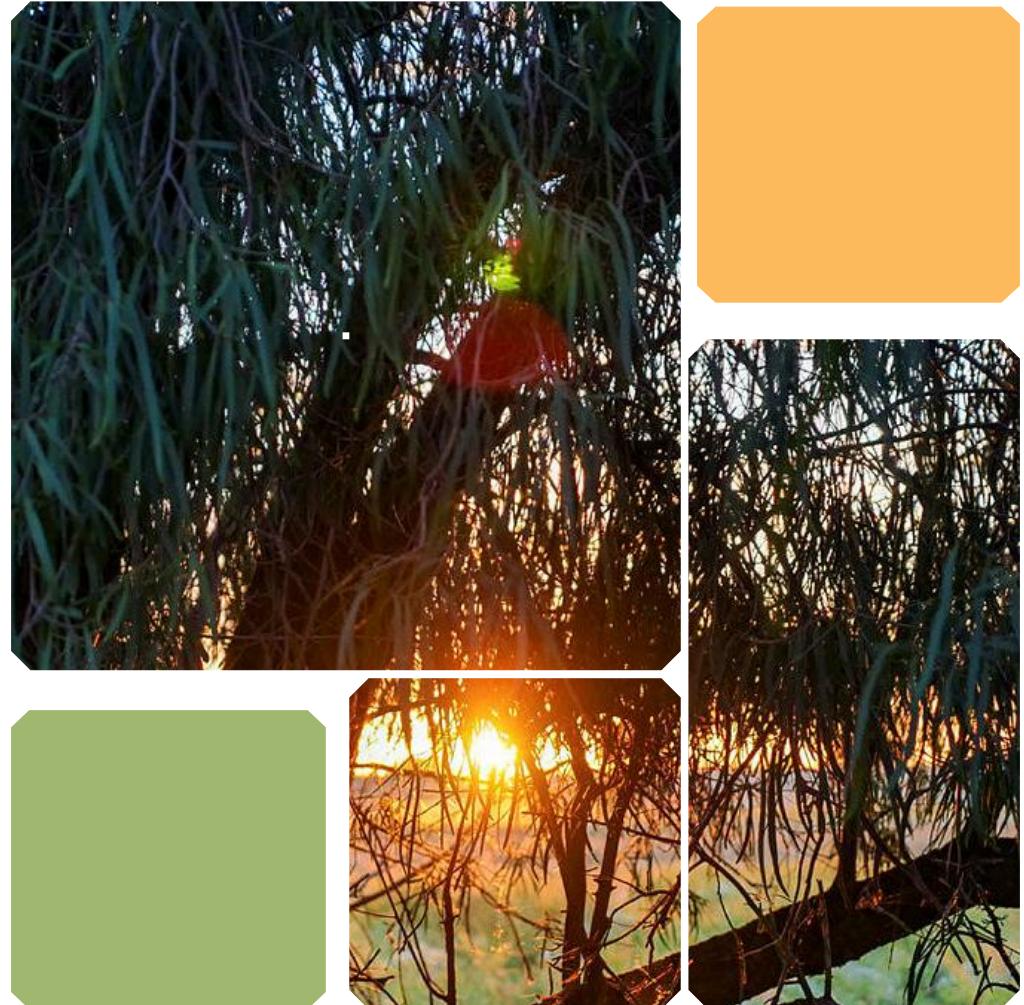
# Culturally Significant Entities

- Nomination is optional
- Examples: totem species, significant tree, ecosystem.
- Must be Indigenous-led with engagement and consent (Section 45)
- Assess and measure changes from project activities
- Recorded in starting state report and project plan

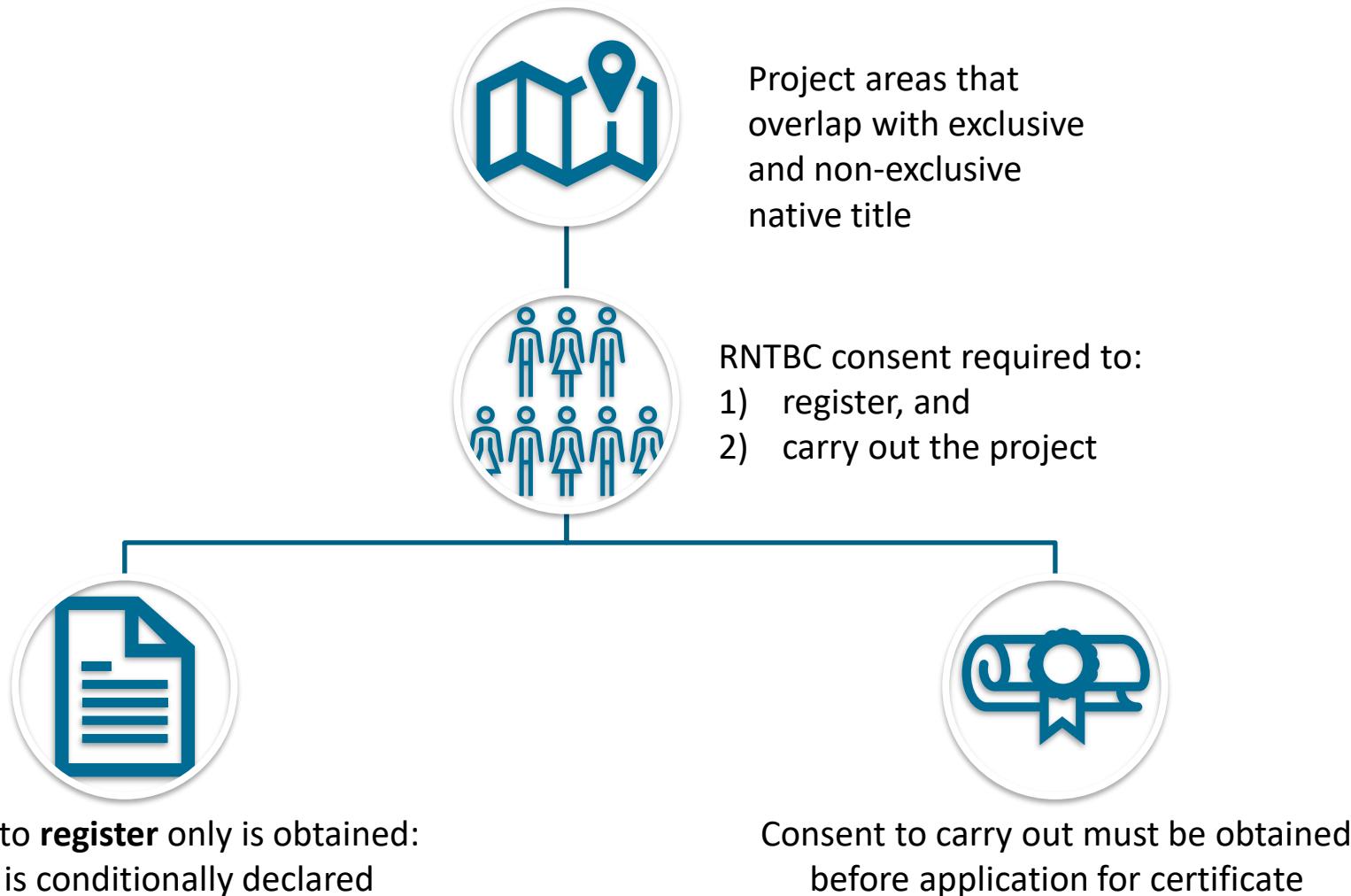


# Engagement - Indigenous land interests

- Mandatory engagement for projects on land with native title determinations, native title claims, land rights land, and ILUAs.
- Must engage on project design, surveys, cultural knowledge, sensitive areas
- Recorded in site assessment & project plan



# Consent - projects on native title land



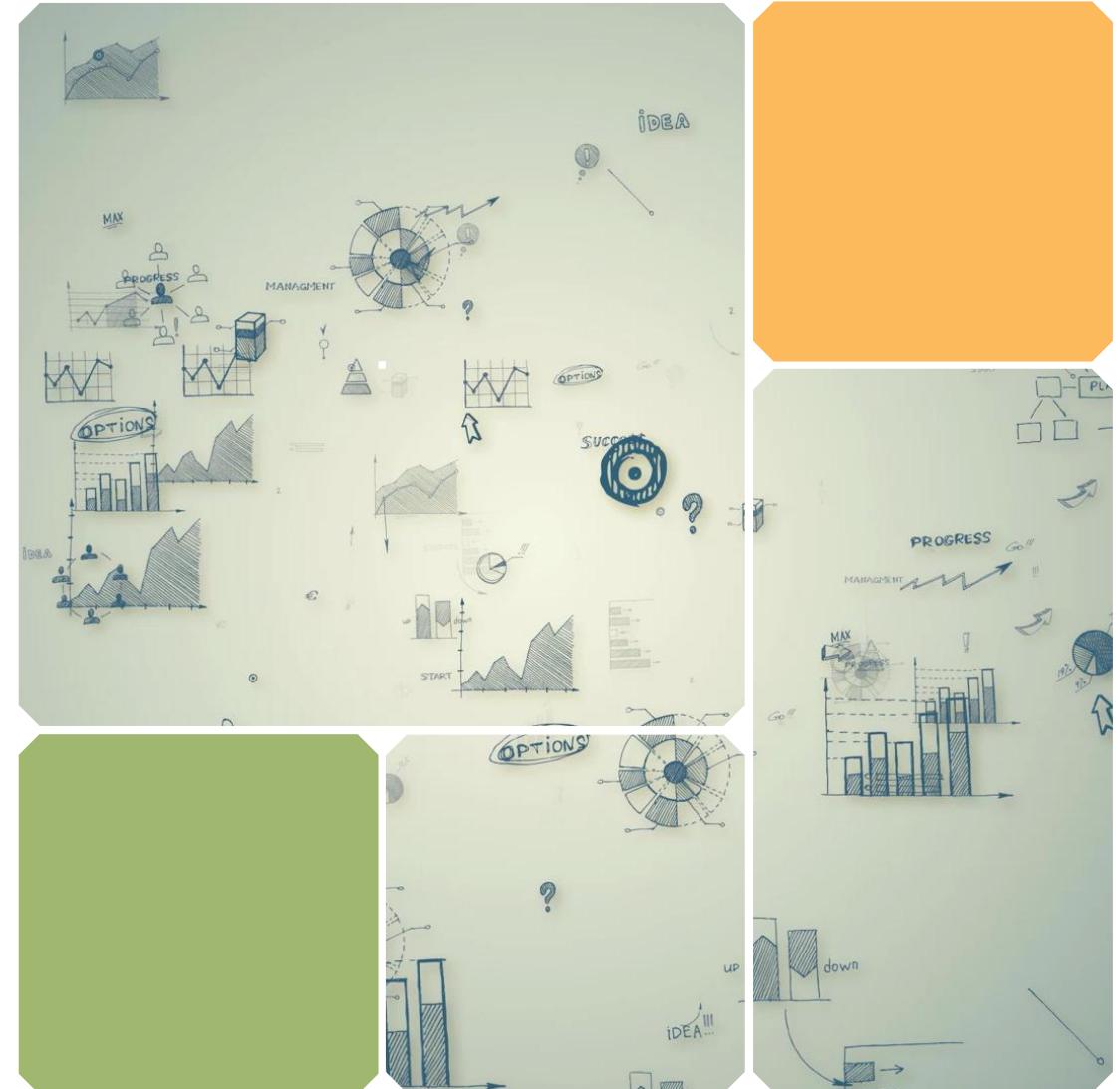
# Lessons learnt from the last 6 months

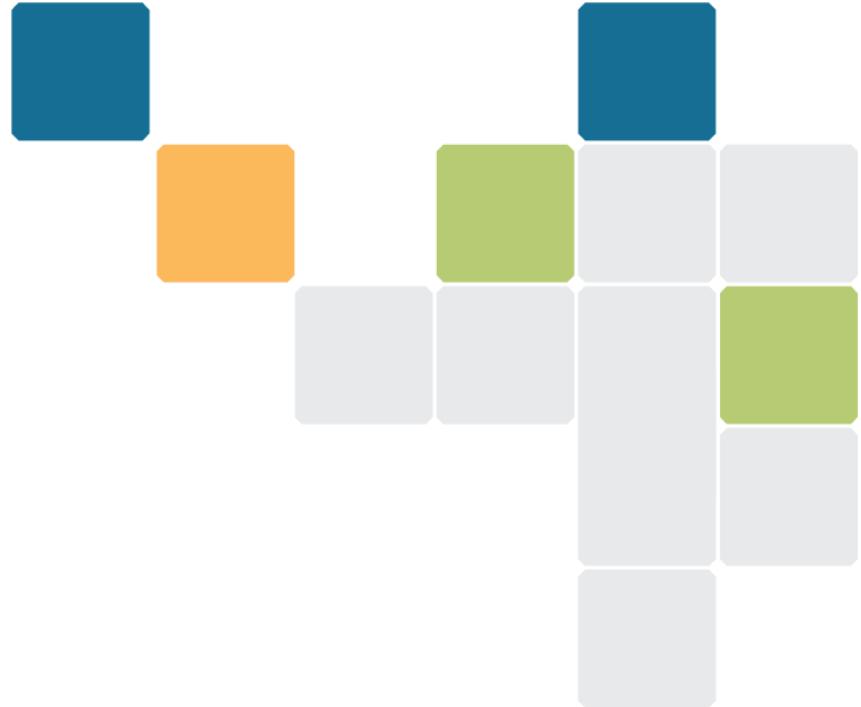
- Identifying and describing reference ecosystems
- Geospatial mapping files
- Publication of the site assessment report and project plan and evidence relied upon.
- Engagement with Indigenous representatives



# Guidance in development

- Templates for site assessment report and project plan
- Identifying the reference ecosystem
- Indigenous engagement fact sheet
- Field survey guidelines





# Thank you

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