

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Woongal Environmental Services secures first Indigenous contract for the Carmichael mine**

Woongal Environmental Services has secured the environmental monitoring and surveying services contract for the Carmichael mine site, paving the way for Traditional Owners and Indigenous people to gain new employment and training opportunities.

Woongal - a Wangan and Jagalingou certified business, will deliver the monitoring and survey services across the mining lease and in the Doongmabulla Springs area.

Adani Mining CEO Lucas Dow said the contract demonstrated Adani's commitment to building long-term sustainable business opportunities with Traditional Owners of the land on which the Project is located.

"We are determined to care for our local environment in line with our project approvals, commitments in our management plans, and all regulatory standards. This is particularly important when it comes to areas of cultural and environmental significance like the Doongmabulla Springs," Mr Dow said.

"Through this partnership, Adani will receive the best scientific and environmental expertise needed to deliver on our environmental management plans, while further increasing W&J involvement in the Carmichael mine project.

"It will bring the cultural knowledge of the Indigenous people into the Adani business so that we continue to learn from the Traditional Owners who will strengthen the connections to their country," he said.

Woongal will undertake monitoring, as required by the approvals Adani has received for the Carmichael mine. Approximately 15 people will be employed in total under the contract, with 30% of the project team and 50% of the field crew will be Indigenous people.

Carmichael mine. This data will enable Adani to monitor and assess any potential impacts to groundwater dependent ecosystems as they proceed with the mine.

Woongal is chaired by Gooreng Gooreng descendant of the Port Curtis Coral Coast Nation, Tony Johnson, and will employ up to 10 Traditional Owner Field Officers under the contract.

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“Woongal will assist with riparian habitat monitoring, as required by the approvals Adani has received for the Carmichael mine. This data will enable Adani to monitor and assess any potential impacts to groundwater dependent ecosystems as they proceed with the mine,” Mr Johnson said.

Phased environmental monitoring and surveying services will commence in mid-January, and ramp-up over the two-year contract term.

Mr Dow said Expressions of Interest for roles on the Carmichael Project, as well as work packages are now being released.

“We’re keen to get as many Indigenous people involved and benefitting from the project as possible, and with work packages and jobs being released, now is the time to register on our website, or talk to our teams about how to participate.”

Jobseekers and Indigenous businesses looking to get involved in the Carmichael Project are encouraged to visit [www.adaniaustralia.com](http://www.adaniaustralia.com) and register on the employment and supplier portals.

More information:

- Adani Australia - [www.adaniaustralia.com](http://www.adaniaustralia.com)
- Woongal Environmental Services - [www.woongal.com](http://www.woongal.com)

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