

Media Release

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GLaWAC Secures Landmark Agreement to Ensure Gunaikurnai Voice in Offshore Wind Feasibility

The Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC) has signed an Engagement Agreement with offshore wind proponent Iberdrola Australia (IA), ensuring that Gunaikurnai people are actively involved in discussions on the feasibility of the proposed Aurora Green Project.

Under a feasibility licence, IA is exploring the potential development of an offshore wind farm in the Gippsland Renewable Energy Zone, within Gunaikurnai traditional waters. This agreement provides initial resourcing for GLaWAC to advocate for the Gunaikurnai community's rights, values, and aspirations throughout the feasibility stage.

If the project progresses beyond feasibility, GLaWAC will consult with members to determine the best path forward and seek to ensure that any future development respects Gunaikurnai Country and delivers meaningful benefits for members and the broader community.

While the project is still in its early stages, this agreement affirms GLaWAC's role in representing the Gunaikurnai community from the outset. GLaWAC remains committed to transparency and will keep members informed as discussions progress.

GLaWAC CEO Daniel Miller said:

"This agreement reflects the hard work and advocacy of GLaWAC on behalf of all Gunaikurnai people. It ensures developers engage with Country in a way that respects our rights and aspirations."

"Our role is to protect Gunaikurnai rights and values while also exploring opportunities that could bring long-term benefits, should the project proceed. Ensuring we have a voice at the table is the first step."

"This agreement sets a strong precedent for how offshore wind proponents should engage with Traditional Owners, demonstrating the value of meaningful partnerships based on respect and shared outcomes."

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About Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation:

The Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation (GLaWAC) is the Registered Aboriginal Party that represents the Gunaikurnai people, the Traditional Owners of our Country, as determined by the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council under the Aboriginal Heritage Act, 2006.

We are the Prescribed Body Corporate (PBC) for the Gunaikurnai people and claim area, as outlined in the agreement, providing joint management of 14 parks and reserves within the State. We have a membership of more than 650 Traditional Owners, all of whom have proven their ancestral links to one of 25 Apical Ancestors registered in the Native Title Consent Determination.

Find out more at www.gunaikurnai.org

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