



## Media release

# Supporting First Nation's-owned businesses to grow

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To coincide with NAIDOC Week, Beach Energy has joined as a member of Supply Nation, a non-profit organisation that helps First Nations-owned businesses to grow.

Supply Nation connects members to Australia's largest national database of more than 3,700 First Nations businesses and will provide Beach the support to create a level playing field for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander suppliers.

Beach's Chief Executive Officer Morné Engelbrecht said he was excited about using Beach's buying-power for positive change.

"Beach invests heavily in local communities through its projects, and our partnership with Supply Nation will help create new opportunities for First Nations-owned businesses to grow and thrive," Mr Engelbrecht said.

"Beach requires hundreds of suppliers to help us sustainably deliver energy for communities – so it makes sense for us to use this buying power for good where we can, and I encourage other companies who are thinking about this sort of partnership to also join.

"We are excited to build on our partnership with Supply Nation – which is just one step we are taking in demonstrating our commitment to diversity through our procurement processes and extending our supplier network."

Supply Nation Chief Executive Officer, Ms Laura Berry, said "We are delighted to welcome Beach Energy into the Supply Nation community and look forward to working with them to develop their supplier diversity footprint. The measure of our collective success will be in the value of transactions between Beach Energy and Indigenous businesses".

Supply Nation connects its membership to Indigenous suppliers to build a vibrant and prosperous Indigenous business sector by incorporating Indigenous owned businesses into the supply chain of Australian companies and government agencies. Its mission is to facilitate, encourage and promote business between corporate Australia and Government agencies and Indigenous owned businesses. More information on Supply Nation at [www.supplynation.org.au](http://www.supplynation.org.au)

Eligible suppliers are also encouraged to get in contact directly with Beach - register via the Beach Supplier Expectations on our website: [www.beachenergy.com.au/for-suppliers/](http://www.beachenergy.com.au/for-suppliers/)

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