

24<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Mr Romlie Mokak  
Productivity Commissioner

Dear Mr Mokak

**Re: Productivity Commission consultation process for the  
Indigenous Evaluation Strategy**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit documents relevant to the development of an evaluation strategy that builds the skills sets and control of Indigenous people to implement evaluation.

In our experience an Indigenous voice and lens at large have been missing from deciding what is important to measure. At worst, Indigenous people are merely instruments for data collection. Monitoring and evaluation as a result is seen as another imposed, meaningless, over-complicated process, driven by someone else and for someone else's perception of what is important.

Aboriginal Carbon Foundation has developed an Indigenous-led approach to the verification and impact measurement of environmental, social and cultural values of carbon farming. An accompanying training course teaches rangers, Traditional Owners and community members mixed methods data collection and analysis. The approach is being utilised to value the beyond carbon abatement outcomes for two carbon credits: Community Credits and Farmer Credits, sold within the voluntary market for land-based carbon reduction activities.

I've attached two documents that showcase this Indigenous-led approach to verification and impact measurement:

- 1) the Core Benefits Verification Framework
- 2) a process report outlining the first implementation of this process in Kowanyama in Cape York.

I apologise for a last-minute submission, however welcome engagement with the Productivity Commission to discuss our measurement framework further.

Kind regards

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